

Dear friends of Serving Alto Cayma,

The staff of the association would like to share with you many of the exciting activities we experienced in the month May. This will be part 1 of a 2 part report. We are thankful for your participation with us and invite you to venture south to Arequipa and learn firsthand how God is at work through Serving Alto Cayma.

Nuevos Horizontes – New Horizons Youth Group- by Victor

Mother's Day

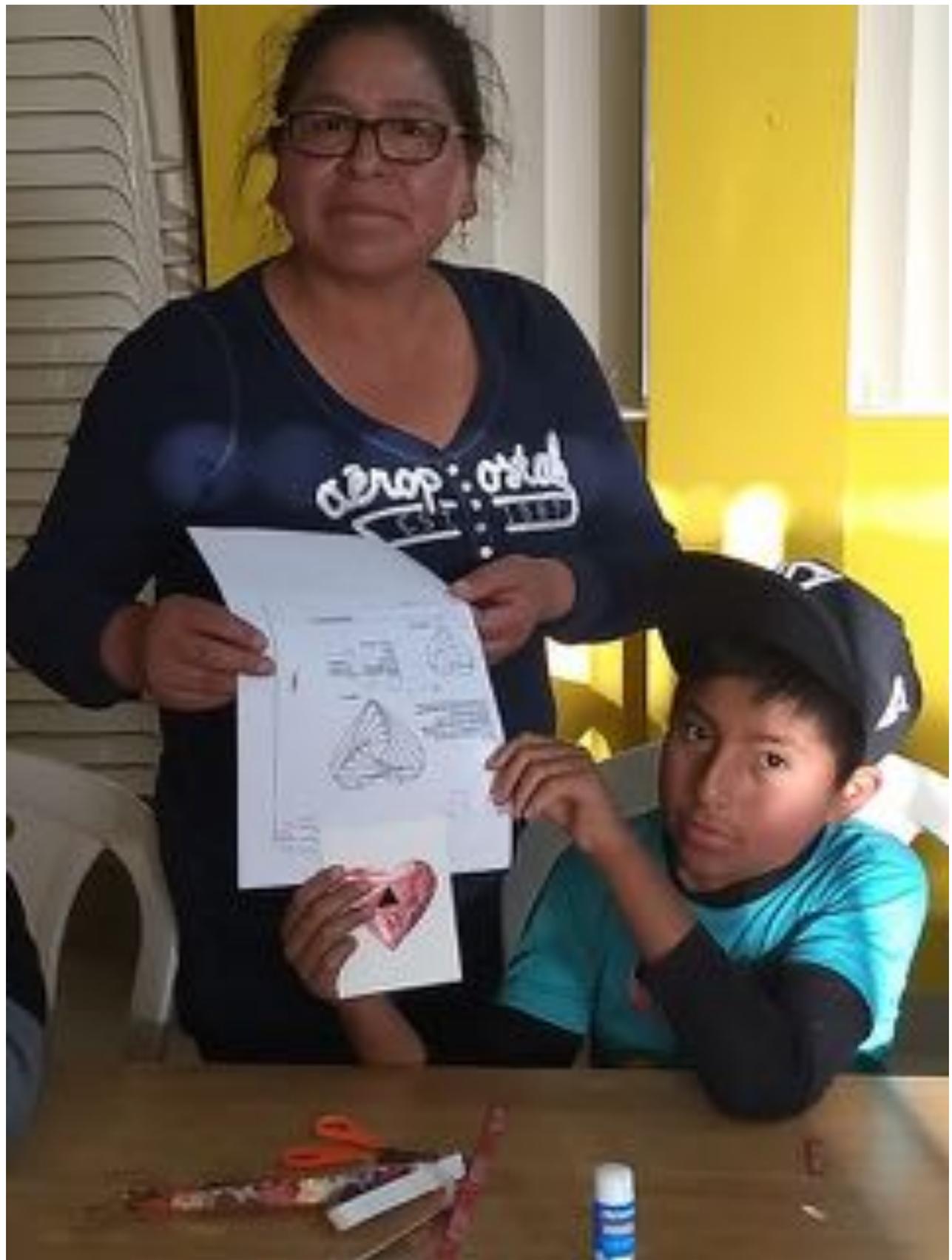
This year for Mother's Day we decided to make cards with the young people of New Horizons. Mama Gloria continues to be an inspiration for us all, and in honor of her we created beautiful greeting cards. We still have ladies who were trained by Gloria and continue to share their artistic expertise with our community.



This year Genoveva worked with the young people and helped them with this beautiful card. Our young people returned home, very proud of having been able to do something so meaningful for their mothers.









The finished artwork

Visit to the Cathedral – by Victor

A few weeks ago we gathered 19 youth for a special adventure to the main square in downtown Arequipa. Many of the young people we work with have limited resources and opportunity to explore the rich culture in their own back yard. The Plaza is full of beauty, museums and history and is an overall relaxing place to visit. The main attraction of our visit to the Plaza de Armas was the Cathedral tour. It is one thing to see the grandeur of the cathedral from the outside and another to enter into the inner

rooms and the history that it affords. The tour reveals the rich history of the church; including the ceremonial clothing of the Archbishops, the jewel-laden gold artifacts, many dating back centuries, and the cathedral's magnificent organ. To top off a wonderful adventure, we all enjoyed a delicious ice cream cone.



Pictured here the 19 youth with Briza and John in front of the Cathedral



Beautiful señoritas in the bell tower



The magnificent pipe organ



The View from above - Plaza de Armas



A special treat for our youth

Mother's Day Basket Delivery – by Briza

This year, once again, we celebrated Mother's Day with our annual basket delivery in both community centers in Alto Cayma. It is always special to honor and recognize the mothers in our community. Many of these extraordinary women work tirelessly to support their children despite the challenges most experience.



The food basket activity was very significant because we had Susan and Nora with us from the U.S. This grandmother/granddaughter duo dove right in to help deliver baskets. The photo below shows Nora and Susan working on the delivery of the bags full of groceries for the families. It was a morning of hard work, but also of many hugs from the ahijados (sponsees) to the staff and visitors.



Susan and Nora demonstrated their love for the dear families of Alto Cayma. We are thankful for their participation with us.



This year we have delivered 277 food baskets that contained the following products:

05 kilos of rice

05 kilos of sugar

04 milk cans

04 cans of tuna

02 Kilos of noodles

01 can of Milo (vitamin-energy supplement)

01 can of peaches

02 containers of jam

01 butter

02 bags of gelatin

01 Lt. of oil

01 pack of cookies



It is always a joy to see a grandmother with her grandchildren, knowing that her investment in raising her children has been successful.



This activity is very significant for the sponsorees because they can enjoy this bag of groceries with their family. This happiness would not be possible without the help of you sponsors, who share your financial contributions with the people in poverty in Alto Cayma. We send our sincere 'thank you' to all of you who help make our work here possible. With our gratitude, receive a hug from each of the families who have been blessed by your generosity. Thank you!

Mother's Day Cooking Class activity in honor of Jessica Hodgkins – By Briza



One of the fairly new initiatives in our community center in Mujeres con Esperanza is our cooking class. The workshop we offer in the community has been gaining momentum and is extremely important for the underprivileged. This year, in honor of Jessica Hodgkins, the students put together a wonderful dinner activity.



This workshop has 22 students who are very interested in learning. Economic difficulties are limiting, but these brave women only look at opportunities and not difficulties. We were very impressed with the initiative and hard work the ladies displayed in the organization of the dinner. The room was decorated with phrases and balloons to give joy and celebration.



The organizers created special sayings to express the importance of each mother and to encourage them in their journey.



We were invited to participate in the event and presented each participant a small gift.



Susan and Nora also participated in the event and it was very emotional for everyone.



Rosario, Victor's wife, also accompanied us and donated a basket of provisions for a raffle. Alexis was the fortunate winner who now had a special gift for his mother. This young man has a lot of financial need. He likes baking, and is studying at school. After his classes, he attends the cooking workshop. We were all excited that he won.



The students of this workshop prepared this delicious dish to share.



Every aspect of the Mother's Day activity enhanced the learning of the students. We are very thankful for the efforts of our instructor, Laura.

The cooking workshops are held three times a week: on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. We want to thank the parents of Jessica Hodgkins, Uncle David and Aunt Donna, for all their support. With the implementation of this kitchen, the students of this workshop now look with great hope to the future. Many want to start a business with all the knowledge that they are receiving.

We hope you enjoyed this report and look forward to sharing more exciting happenings in Alto Cayma. Please let us know if you have questions or want to learn more about a specific aspect of our work here. We appreciate your partnership with Serving Alto Cayma. God bless you and your family.

Team ASAC