

## Report No. 7 from Alto Cayma - 16 Sep 18

### Rotary District Governor's Visit

Every year, the Arequipa Ciudad Blanca Rotary Club (the club we partner with here in Alto Cayma) receives an official visit from the then-current District Governor. This year the visit took place this Wednesday, and as always, the Rotarians brought the Governor up to Alto Cayma, because



the Rotary grants which this club has obtained have been almost exclusively to support the efforts of Father Alex' Missionary Society of Saint Paul and



our Association Serving Alto Cayma. Even the construction of the Volunteer



House had been partially funded by Rotary. The visit also gave our Rotaract



and Interact clubs a chance to be in the limelight for the noteworthy service projects which they too carry out.

### **Lurdes' Birthday**

Wednesday was Lurdes' birthday, and as is our custom, we held a



"compartir" (get-together to share) in her honor. This is but one of an endless



series of opportunities to eat cake down here, but don't tell my doctors I said that. ("What, sweets? Never touch the stuff!")

### **Señora Isabel Cueva**

Those who have visited Alto Cayma will remember this now-faded mural which has graced the wall of one of Father Alex' buildings for some 15-odd years. The lady whose image graces the upper right-hand corner of the



mural is Sra. Isabel Cueva. Isabel was one of the very first elderly people sponsored in our Acercándonos program, beginning back in November of 2004. I used her photo in many of my presentations to illustrate the need of



the elderly for food. Sra. Isabel passed away this week, at the age of 86, and since she had always been a person of special interest to Father Alex, he



presided at her funeral mass. Her passing, in a way, marks the end of an era.

### **English Class in Mujeres con Esperanza**

John took a visitor to Lake Titicaca on Thursday and Friday, and the person who had promised to take his English class for him on Thursday had something come up and couldn't do it, so after teasing Briza right up until the last minute, making her think she was going to have to somehow do it herself, I showed up just in time to take the class. As you can see in this



photo, the students paid rapt attention to my instruction. You might even say I had them in the palm of my hand.

### **Kaizen Consulting Group**

On Friday, Victor, Briza, Lidia and I went to Kaizen to receive their report of a work climate study they had done of our Association. The results



were very positive, probably due to the inspiring nature of our work. Rather than being sanguine about these results, we prefer to continue focusing on those areas where we know we can do even better.

### **André's Visit**

On Friday afternoon, I was visited by a ghost from the past. André, a young man we had helped through medical school came to see me. He



finished medical school in 2013, did his mandatory year of national service, and then did a residency in oncology. He was profoundly grateful for the support our program had given him, which was the only way he ever would have been able to finish medical school in any reasonable length of time.

### **Salir Adelante Meeting**

Saturday was the monthly meeting of the students in the Salir Adelante program, and this time they chose to devote the morning to sporting



activities in the recreational complex across the street from our building. When this group gets together now, it's a bigger and bigger crowd each time.



### **Acercádonos Birthday Party**

Saturday afternoon was the monthly birthday party for the children and elderly of the Acercádonos program. The crowd at these affairs gets



pretty big sometimes too. In danger of getting lost in the shuffle were these two twin girls, who are just now turning two years of age and are as



cute as can be.

## **Construction in Mujeres con Esperanza,**

The construction project in Mujeres con Esperanza is gaining momentum, with a half dozen or so workmen on the site every day. We're starting with the security wall around that portion of our property which



doesn't have anything constructed on it yet. Bathrooms will be constructed in the corner where the workman dressed in orange is standing in the photo,



and next to that will be a storeroom. From now on, the site should look considerably different in each week's report. This is exciting!

"Love God, Serve Neighbor/Serving Alto Cayma",

Jim