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By now our community meetings in Louisville have ended and all have returned home after retreats, meetings, and celebrations. Here in Peru we have also had a full month! In July we welcomed visitors from the Catholic Worker Community in Louisville, who accompany the women and their families in La Casa



The Catholic Worker Group stop for a group photo in Lima, Peru.



The Catholic Worker Group stop for a group photo at a Trout Farm.

Latina. Their presence was truly a gift to each of us as well as to our Peruvian friends and families. Maria and Fernanda Scharfenberger, Denny, Alice and Bill, Jim, Olivia and Kathy filled our homes in Callao and Huaripampa with lots of laughter, prayers, reflections, and sharings.

After our visitors from Louisville left, the following day Sue and Yuli returned to Huaripampa and since my bus for San Miguel was leaving much later, Carol and I attended the Mass in the parish of Salamanca in Lima, to accompany the Ursulines of the Canadian Union as they celebrated 50 years of presence in Peru. As one can imagine, it was a joyous celebration and we were pleased to be able to be there to represent our Ursuline Community as well. Then I headed back to San Miguel and Carol to her ministry in Callao.

In Cajamarca, the Support Group for the Handicapped asked two of its members to participate in a workshop organized and presented by those with physical disabilities. Three national offices for the handicapped and the municipalities of many of

the provinces of Cajamarca worked together to make this happen. Ana Maria Barbaran and I participated and learned about the national and international laws for the inclusion of all people in each of the areas of our lives, for the physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual growth of us all.



Children eat at the Soup Kitchen in San Miguel.

Especially important in this workshop is the concept of sensibilization in which each one of us must be aware of the special needs of the other.

One of the bigger events in July was the swearing in of the new president of Peru, Señor Ollanta Omala Taso, on July 28th, the Independence Day of Peru, for his term of five years. We keep him and his advisors in our prayers as they face the challenges before them each day.

The soup kitchen for the school children in San Miguel is beginning its fourth month, as you can see in the photos the food looks pretty good....and it is! Padre Juan has the possibility of tables and chairs from the Region of Cajamarca, but the petition is still in the paperwork stage. One hundred five children eat a hot

nutritious lunch each day in the Comedor de Niños. The meals are prepared by six of the mothers of the children, as each mother takes her turn for a week. Ninety percent of the children come from the smaller towns around San Miguel. This project has been the dream of Padre Juan for the eight years that he has been pastor. Now it is a reality and he is very happy, as well as the children and their parents.

Enjoy the changes of the season as fall approaches!

With love, prayers and gratitude,

Ursulines of our Peru Mission, Yuli, Sue, Carol and Kathleen