

How are you?

Kathy, Sue, and I are aware of what you have been experiencing because of the climate changes, remembering each of you in our prayers. Here also, the climate is very changeable. In some departments (states) of our country it is raining a lot, which has created mud slides and the closing of the main road between Lima and Huancayo.

For me, it is a very special moment to write to you and share the new experiences that we have and that allow us to discover the people who are new lights for our lives.

This summer in our house in Callao we had the visit of three youth from Muquiyauyo: Cecilia, Yessenia, and Eva. With them we have shared conversations, experiences, laughter and joy. Truly all of us have enjoyed very much their presence. This year they are supporting us in the preparation of children for the sacrament of First Communion. For that reason, they participated in the family catechetical program accompanied by Kathy to the two week course. They left the house at 7:30 a.m. and returned at 6:30 p.m., truly an all day experience.

These young women were very happy to be able to participate in this big event, and also surprised by the number of people who had come from all parts of Peru for the course. In that, one can appreciate our cultural richness.

Each day they returned to the house after the course they told us of their experiences sharing with us their joy and enthusiasm, so much so they are enthusiastic about duplicating the experience in their village of Muquiyauyo, sharing new life with the Christian Community what they have learned.

Many people are preparing for the new school year. This year as last the government is demanding the teachers take part in an exam that supposedly will help improve the educational system. The big difficulty is the exam was announced very late in the summer, leaving little time for preparation. Also, in some parts of the country those whose names were on the list of eligibles showed up for the exam and waited three hours while no one from the education office came to administer the test. It is a known fact there were errors on the test, only adding to the frustration of teachers and raising questions about the quality of education that is being proposed.

I want to take this opportunity to greet all of the sisters and associates who are celebrating birthdays this month. We wish for each of you that the great love that God has for us will wrap around you and protect you. The same we wish for our sick sisters.

Don't forget that the doors of our home here in Peru are always open, inviting you to visit and share with our people.

May God bless you,

With love and affection,
Yuli