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While you have been plowing through snow, wrapped in shawls and winter coats, we have been shedding our sweaters and jackets enjoying the warmer climate of summer in Callao. Much of January and February we have spent in Callao, avoiding the rainy season in Muquiyauyo and the cold of the altitude.

Summer has been full of retreats and courses, gatherings and games. And always there are visitors in the house in Callao.

While in Callao we have also enjoyed the celebration of St. Angela with the Associates and a reunion of the Company of St. Angela. The gatherings brought both nurturing and vitality to our lives as we caught up with one another's joys and sorrows, struggles and accomplishments.

We have always tried to encourage formation of lay leaders, especially the youth in whatever place we have ministered. Similarly, this year one of our young catechists from Muquiyauyo spent two weeks with us while she was taking a workshop for youth to prepare her to work with children and also with the choir in Muquiyauyo. (We had hoped to have more youth participating, but the mudslides prevented some of them from traveling.) It was a delight to have such a young spirit among us, as well as a challenge with the late hour conversations and the lively music floating through the house.

Other visitors included a friend from Muquiyauyo

who is now living in Lima. She was dismissed from her work and had no place to go until she could find another job.

Paulina, a friend from the Chatham Ursulines who has returned to Peru after some 15 years in Canada, also spent a few days with us. It was good to catch up and reconnect with the lay community that has formed in Chiclayo around the spirit and charisma of Angela.

Carol is in Toledo this month participating in their chapter and elections. Our prayers accompany her while she is missed very much among us.

In these days all of us are returning to Muquiyauyo. No, the rains have not stopped but the yearly schedule and programs will begin soon and there is planning to be done.

As we walked with the Sisters of Marian Home in their pilgrimage to Mercy Sacred Heart Village, we have begun reflecting more seriously on our future here in Peru. Perhaps some of the same questions are before us: What do we need to leave behind? To what do we move forward? Where is our own pilgrimage taking us?

Holding all of you in our prayers, we wish you blessings as we move into the season of Lent and Holy Week. And, as always we count on your prayers as well.

Yuli, Kathy, Sue