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"The best heading in the World" stated Sunday's paper, referring to the short note that was sent by the 33 miners in Chile from 700 meters under the ground: "ALL 33 OF US ARE WELL IN THE SHELTER." Since August 5th, after 17 days of not knowing anything about them, what joy for their families to receive such good news. Fortunately now, the trapped miners are receiving water, food and supplies by way of a tube 15 cm. wide. As you are doing back home, we here in Peru are keeping the miners and their families in our prayers, as workers do their best to free them.

On Sunday, October 3rd we have Municipal Elections for the mayors and their councils. Lima may soon have a woman mayor: Lourdes Flores or Susana Villarán. Here in our district of Muquiyauyo we may have a woman mayor also, for several women are running and one is our present governor.

For many weeks now we have been praying and writing letters to the Governor of Kentucky, Mr. Steven Beshear, asking for a stay of execution for Mr. Gregory Wilson. Tomorrow, September 16th, is to be the day for carrying out his sentence. Peru and many other countries do not

have the death penalty. Hopefully our country of the United States, which has so many blessings, will end this type of punishment as well.

Jesus' words stay in my mind always: "I have come that you may have life, and life in abundance." We see this "abundance of life" every day: workshops where recipes are shared using the produce of their own areas, teenagers giving their time to help the children of their parishes in catechesis, groups of youth in front of the church in the evenings learning traditional dances, and women being faithful to their ministry of visiting the sick and taking Communion to them.

As I write these lines, Sue is in another town arranging the retreat for the

Confirmation youth at a monastery of the Franciscan priests, and Rocío and Yuli are teaching their classes. Carol is a licensed instructor in Healing Touch and Energetic Medicine. She is presently

attending conferences and classes with other instructors in this growing area of the health field.

Oh yes, as of yesterday, our two cats now have five kittens. A family who has a farm has already claimed one or two of the kittens. We have three more to go. Anyone interested? (They ARE cute.)

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Sisters Yuli (top), Kathy (right) and Sue (bottom) with associates and students in Peru.

