

**In May 2009, two members of the Ursuline Sisters' Leadership traveled to Peru to witness firsthand the impact of the Ursuline ministries in that country. What follows is a brief account of Sister Lynn Jarrell and Rita Dressman's time with the Peruvian people and their fellow Ursuline Sisters:**

Sisters Lynn Jarrell and Rita Dressman's visit with the sisters in Peru was a memorable experience. After arriving in Lima on May 17, they spent a few days in Callao visiting St. Angela Merici School where Sue retains the position of Promoter, attending a school liturgy, touring a bit of the coast in Callao, meeting with the associates, and spending time with our sisters.

On Thursday, May 21, Kathy, Sue, Lynn and Rita boarded a bus for Muquiyauyo. The trip through the Andes Mountains was breathtaking with the beautiful mountains and winding roadways. The ascent over peaks of 15,000 feet called for immediate adjustment to higher altitudes.

During our stay there, we became acquainted with the villages of Muquiyauyo, Mugui and Huaripampa where our sisters have begun ministry since last September. At this point, they help with catechesis and liturgy plus are present to the needs of the people. We visited the school in Huasquicha where Yuli teaches a Montessori preschool class. We also visited a school in another village where Rocio Barreda, a woman living with our sisters, teaches English to high school students.

We were awed by the welcome of the students and teachers in both of these schools. A few of our evenings were spent meeting and talking with young women with whom Yuli had made contact. We entered into the simple lifestyle of our sisters who identify their way of living with the people in the village. We were amazed and inspired by these people who have so little but express a joy deeper than any words.

On Thursday, May 28, we began the bus trip from Muquiyauyo to Lima. We arrived in Callao only to hear the news about the death of Betty. The people in Callao and in San Miguel have fond memories of Betty. The people in San Miguel responded to the news by ringing the church bells in the village and praying for her in the evening Liturgy. The associates and neighbors gathered at our house in Callao Thursday evening and prayed, sang and shared stories about Betty.

We were so impressed by the ministry of our sisters to the poorest of the poor in Peru. It is indeed a special calling and one that needs our prayers, support and love. We say thank you to Sue, Kathy, Yuli, Carol, Rocio, and Carola for your warm hospitality and for making possible so many experiences that will continue to challenge and inspire us. We thank you for continuing the Ursuline presence to the people of Peru.

*~Sisters Lynn and Rita*