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Ministry of the GOOD SHEPHERD

A Day at the Mission in Alto Trujillo

BY RENZO CRIPPA

I spent an enlightening day with the dedicated nuns who run the mission in Alto. Our first stop was the San Jose library and church, where plans are underway to build a multipurpose building. This new structure aims to serve the diverse needs of the community, providing a space for education, gatherings, and various activities. Our next destination was CETPRO, a technical school that offers a range of craft and skill courses. Here, mothers and fathers can learn cooking, baking, sewing, shoemaking, leather craftsmanship, and computer skills, empowering them to secure jobs or start their own businesses, thereby fostering economic growth and stability in the community.

Next, we visit the care centers, which play a crucial role in the lives of local children. Each care center is managed by a "care mother" who looks after about ten kids, providing them with a nurturing environment after school until their parents or legal guardians can pick them up. The centers offer lunch to each child and assist with homework, reading, crafts, and games. This support system ensures that children have a safe, educational, and stimulating environment during the critical hours after school. When I asked the kids if they were happy to go back to school, one child responded with excitement, "Yes, because I will eat meat again." Another child shared, "Yes, because I will get to eat lunch again." These responses were impactful to me as they highlighted the importance of our meals in their lives.



The overall experience at the mission was profoundly emotional, as I witnessed firsthand the positive impact it has on the community. It's heartening to see the tangible difference the mission makes in the lives of families, offering hope, education, and support to those in need. Knowing that the funds we contribute are being used so efficiently and effectively brings immense satisfaction. The mission in Alto Trujillo truly transforms lives, fostering a sense of community and providing invaluable resources to ensure the well-being and growth of its members.

Mission Trips

The last months were full of blessings, not only for the people in Alto Trujillo who received visits from many members of our community.

- August 2024: Our Board member Marjorie O'Sullivan, her family, and Father Nestor had a beautiful experience visiting the Mission.
- November 2024: Our Board Member Adriana Bandi had an unforgettable experience along with her two kids, who are Saint Joan of Arc students.
- December 2024: Our President, Gissela Delgado, enjoyed the Christmas celebrations with the Care Centers' kids and the Care Mothers.
- March 2025: Our Board Member Renzo Crippa visited Alto for the first time.
- March 2025: Saint Joan of Arc and Saint John Paul Alumini visited the mission.

After reading their testimonies, we can note that the blessings go both ways. Kindness and generosity, more than give, allow us to receive.

If you are interested in visiting Alto Trujillo, please contact our board members directly or at info@ministryofthegoodshepherd.org



Saint Joan of Arc & Saint John Paul Alumini

“Visiting Alto Trujillo and giving the kids colored pencils was a humbling and rewarding experience. Their energy and enthusiasm reminded me how small acts of kindness can spark creativity, inspire imagination, and make a lasting impact on their futures.” – **Ryan Eremia**

“The mission trip to Alto Trujillo was nothing short of amazing! Such an incredible opportunity for serving and spreading love to their small community. I will never forget those heartfelt moments we experienced with the children. I am so grateful to have been part of this journey!” – **Matthew Hicks**

“Visiting the kids made me realize how little we all take for granted in life. They truly embraced the little joys of life and how small things really can go a long way. It showed how even little contributions can make large impacts in their lives and how anyone can help no matter how little they think they can – **Landon Reichert**



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“Visiting the mission in Peru was an unforgettable experience. One of the moments that stood out the most was giving the kids colored pencils. Their eyes lit up with excitement, and it was amazing to see how something so simple could bring them so much joy. It was a powerful reminder of how small acts of kindness can make a big difference.” –**Grant McDonald**

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