



Ministry of the Good Shepherd Newsletter

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The gospel today – in Trujillo

Sister tells this story:

The scene is a street in Alto Trujillo, a poor, very rough neighborhood. A young man is on his way home from work. This young man has gone through a deep conversion to Christ in one of the pastoral retreats coordinated by Sister Immaculate.

Suddenly he is accosted by two thieves – guns are pointing at his chest.

“Give us your wallet and your cell phone” they demand.

The young man turns over the items, but says to them:

“Only God knows why you have to do these things, but be sure I will pray for you”

He turns and walks away. Minutes later they are running after him and they give him back his things.

Sister comments: “This is real gospel”.

We are reminded that the work of Sister Immaculate and the community of Mercy sisters encompasses all the needs of people struggling with poverty.

It feeds the hunger of their spirits for a closer relationship with God and also the hunger of their bodies and minds for food and housing, for education and decent jobs, for dignity and better choices than robbing people on the street.



Not ready yet to pack your bags, buy your tickets and visit Sister Immaculate in person? Haven't had time to come to a meeting here in Boca of the Ministry of the Good Shepherd?

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

www.ministryofthegoodshepherd.org

You can see beautiful photos of people and projects. Learn more about the work in Peru. Read stories of the people involved in the Ministry in Peru – and here. You can even make on-line donations via Paypal if you are so moved. Make a visit!

TRIPS TO PERU

Our secretary, Jerry Fickel and his Peruvian wife, Ana Maria travel frequently to Peru where her mother lives and (at 86) still runs a famous bookstore in downtown Trujillo. Jerry would like to promote small group visits to experience the beauty of the region and to learn more of the work sponsored by the Ministry. Give him a call if you might be interested. 305 274 5466.

Our treasurer, Tony Muradaz (born and raised in Lima) and our current president, Marjorie O'Sullivan (from Brooklyn, alas!) will be visiting Sister from October 15-22. You can speak with us by phone or through our website (see front page) Tony: 561 789 0693 Marjorie 561 395 6029

AN ABUNDANCE OF GRATITUDE

During the visit of SRS. Immaculata and Angelica in mid-March there was an outpouring of generous donations. We tried to write as many personal thank yous as we could. This giving surpassed our hopes and assures that Sister's dreams for teachers, therapists and new buildings will become a reality and that established programs will continue into the future. Many, many thanks to each and every one of you! God bless you.

NEWS FROM PERU

Sister writes: "...The Technical Center is up and running with 130 students....We have a lawyer two days a week free of charge. He is in great demand. Then we have the psychologist one day a week -remember I asked for that help in March. Today the lawyer requested that he and the psychologist work together because most of the women who come to him come with problems related to child support, abandonment, etc. and they really need someone to talk to. So that is good.

I hired the literacy teacher and she is working out well. She has about 23 women, some who cannot read or write and others who just cannot write. Next week some students from the UPAO University will come to help.

Padre Aitor and I are in the business of finding land for the pre-fab building I asked for in March. We will keep you informed.

During the year I have received THREE major public awards and was featured in the local newspaper INDUSTRIA with a full page story!

Each time I feel it is the Ministry of the Good Shepherd who should receive them because without you what is happening would not happen. So thanks be to God for what we can do for the poor and for you who enable us to do it...."Gratefully, Immaculata

UPCOMING MEETING: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 at 2PM at the home of Marjorie O'Sullivan 224 NE 3rd Street Boca. Guests are always most welcome and we are always looking for new members. It's a rewarding ministry..and fun!

