

# Notre Dame Mission in Peru



Our Lady of Aparecida Province, Canoas, Brazil, is a missionary in Peruvian lands since August 30, 2011. The great dream is being realized through the activities of the Children's Pastoral that, by the end of 2013, is serving 24 communities, 456 families, 531 children and 29 pregnant women in the Archdiocese of Trujillo and

the Diocese of Chiclayo. Sisters Maria Loreni Kauer and Mirian Terezinha Garcia have taken on this coordination in the Archdiocese. They empower leaders and enable new communities, accompany and animate them through visits, educational materials, training and spirituality. The mission of this Pastoral is struggling to move forward and grow in the number of leaders because of lack of volunteers. However, volunteers and poor families are used to receiving donations from charitable entities and so they have no enthusiasm to participate in celebrative gatherings and in the development of children.

The Congregation took on the Work of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the Archdiocese of Trujillo, and advises the *Group of Youth Without Borders* since the beginning of 2013, thus freeing Sister Roselaine. Monthly there are visits to 75 parishes and 47 schools to bring awareness and fundraising materials for the *Mission Ad Gentes*. The 30 university



students of the *Group of Youth Without Borders* gather weekly and receive support and advice from Sister Roselaine. This group conducts activities with young people who are away from Church, the elderly and needy children.

In Salaverry, we search to accompany and support La Inmaculada Parish, the Chapels of Perpétuo Cocorro and Virgen de Salaverry. We prepare and help with the Eucharistic Liturgies. The novice Sister Maria Sharon prepared 8 children for First Communion. This was her first experience in the activity. She showed herself to be a missionary who is not only concerned with knowledge but in encouraging the children to participate in the Mass and in the practice of charity. The Catechesis of Confirmation was supported by Sister Maria Roselaine who prepared 3 young people at the Chapel *Virgen de Salaverry*.

It is a great joy for us that Sister Maria Sharon, will soon continue her formation in Brazil. We are hoping that St. Julie will inspire more Peruvian vocations for our Congregation.

