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Dear Sisters, Associates and Friends:

This year, I (Yuli) am very happy to be back working in Santa Angela Merici School after many years, where I discovered my vocation of being a teacher. During my career I have had the opportunity to experience different places of work: Mother Admirable School, Colegio San José de Miramar and the Fe y Alegría School in Jauja. The experience in these workplaces enriched me and taught me much about life so that I could continue accompanying the children in emotional and cognitive aspects. Now I am back in Saint Angela Merici School sharing my gifts and talents with the children, the little ones, of four and five years of age.

Our Santa Angela Merici School this year has been blessed with new construction, a bigger room for the computer program, an environment to develop artistic skills, and a cafeteria that is very cute and nice. Among those who have been painting in the new school construction is a former student of Sister Kathy, a man named "Demetrio." He was one of the first students in the Faith and Hearing School more than 30 years ago!

In April, we celebrated "Earth Day" by marching in the streets of our neighborhood carrying messages alluding to the care of the Earth. Increasingly we are becoming an educational institution that honors the values of the poor and simple, and of the Kingdom of God, because in truth

the Kingdom is being built here on Earth and we are not waiting for the Kingdom to arrive. We are a school where many values are being communicated, and now that I am back in the school, I can see how it has grown considerably in its institutional identity.

We also welcomed and celebrated "Family Day" where young enthusiasts of the promotion did many programs that involved parents with joy, presented dances, songs, games and a circular dance that was performed by the pre-school children. For us (sisters), the participation of dads and mom was really important.

This year we had a group of students who animated songs with gestures in different moments and in different activities in school. They also participated in the meeting of Children and Missions with other children throughout all of Lima. In this event children from first grade to the sixth grade participated with their teachers. There was a celebration of the word, songs, and games, among other things.

This has been a time of great joy for us with a recent visit from members of Kathy's family. Three sisters (Marty, Ruth and Flo), her niece (Kathy) and her nephew (Tom) visited San Miguel de Cajamarca where they saw the work that Kathy does there, especially the Rehabilitation Center for Handicapped Persons. They also visited part of the city





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of the city of Lima with our "Professional Guide," Carol Reamer. Truly, she is an excellent guide, just so you know that (commercial announcement!). Kathy was really very happy and enjoyed very much the presence of each of her relatives. For me, it is always very special when the family of my sisters come for a visit. Their visit helps me to connect better and to know them more.

We were also visited by Anna Dusenbery, a medical student, who is the daughter of a friend of Kathy's sister-in-law. She stayed with us throughout the month of May in San Miguel de Cajamarca. She got to know the people well here.

We hope that this report made it possible for you to participate in our reality and our mission in Peru. We welcome you to visit us at any time.

*We are prayerfully and lovingly,*

*Sue, Kathy, Yuli and Carol*

## THELMA SCHARFENBERGER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Thelma Scharfenberger Scholarship selection committee in Callao, Peru, has awarded scholarships to two students attending Saint Angela Merici School. They are Diego Alberto Gonzales Ruiz and María Fernanda Hernández Requena.



Diego is in the sixth grade at Saint Angela Merici School. He is active in civic activities, meetings, retreats, social events, and religious activities. In thanking the selection committee for awarding him the scholarship, he said he "plans to always be faithful to my academic responsibilities because I have a motive for realizing my dreams."



Maria is also in the sixth grade at Saint Angela Merici School. She started attending the school when she was four-years-old and considers the school her "second home." She attributes to Saint Angela Merici School her improving responsibility with her studies, and increasing the respect she has for her friends and family. "The school has also shown me how to be in solidarity with those in need through our solidarity campaigns, being loving and being grateful to God."

The Thelma Scharfenberger Scholarship was created in 2003 to honor the memory of Sister Sue Scharfenberger's mother, Thelma, who was a devoted supporter and visitor of her daughter's mission located outside of Lima, Peru. We congratulate both of these students and wish them well in their educational journey at Saint Angela Merici School.