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IRRIGATION CAMPAIGN



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Dear Members, Donors and Friends,

Greetings and God's blessings upon you and your loved ones.

The Human Family in Christ supports 2 programs near Cochabamba, Bolivia:

- the Holy Family Child Sponsorship program that we founded in 1998 and,
- the Young Women's Education program at the Instituto de Educación Rural, IER, that is managed since 1979 by the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception MIC, Laval, Québec.

This year 96 young aboriginal women between 16 and 26 are boarding at the IER. Many of the students come from extreme poor backgrounds and cannot pay tuition fees. The IER offers a High School diploma or a Trade diploma such as the Nurses' education program. All diplomas are accredited by the Ministry of Education.

We support the good works of the IER financially and practically.

At our Annual General Meeting on May 28, 2016, a motion was adopted to raise funds for an irrigation system to help transform a bare parcel of land on their property into a fruit producing orchard.

The objectives for the orchard are:

(a) to provide financial support for the education of poor young Quechua and Aymara women from the rural areas. The program at IER has been exceptionally successful and beneficial to young women and their families. It has brought them and their families out of dire poverty and has in turn contributed in multiple ways to the well-being of the Bolivian society; and

(b) to teach the young women that take the elective course for agricultural assistant to grow an organic crop and maintain seasonal and commercial administration of an orchard.

The beneficiaries of this project are the IER and the students who jointly will benefit from the income. In addition, the students in the agriculture elective will acquire necessary skills through an improved practical learning experience.

The total cost of the irrigation project is \$26,000.

If you can assist with this very valuable project, please visit the donations page on our web site, www.shfic.ca/DONATE, or send your donation to the above address and indicate that it is for the irrigation project. You will receive a tax receipt for your donation. **Muchas gracias!**

In closing, I send to you my gratitude and prayers and that of the members of the Society for showing as always the generous heart of Jesus for His poor. It is our obligation as Christians to lift the poor of the world out of their poverty. This project is one way of doing that. **Thank you sincerely!**

With gratitude and blessings,

Frater Andrew P. Mayer, i.v. Dei

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