



Newsletter

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FATHER FRANK JONES

LATIN AMERICAN MISSION

Hola from Fr Frank

Dear Friends,

I arrived back from Australia in April limping like a dog after ankle surgery to find the school *Liceo Corazon de Maria* ready to open. The opening day started with the national anthems of Ecuador and Australia and the unfurling of the two flags. We then celebrated mass, followed by the blessing of the school building and formal commencement of the first school year; then followed a big fiesta with plenty of dancing and singing.

The school – the name translating as 'Heart of Mary' in English – has begun with Kindergarten and Years 1 and 2. We plan to build classrooms each year to allow the classes to continue up to the end of primary school in Year 7. This will take two more years to achieve.

The school is in the competent hands of the Sisters *Oblatas de Sanctissimos Corazones de Jesus y Maria*. We are so fortunate to have three sisters in our community, Sisters Reina, Blanca and Marinella. They are great religious women who have achieved so much already. On the first Sunday of June we celebrated mass in the morning for the families of all the children in our school. It was followed by games and singing and dancing and ended with a communal lunch. The school has given us a tremendous sense of community and joy.

On Sunday, 8th June we gathered with the Archbishop of Guayaquil, Antonio Arregui and five brother priests of the Society of St James, and a multitude of people from San Francisco and other communities of the mission, to consecrate our new church, *Iglesia San Alberto Hurtado*. In the same Mass we celebrated confirmation with 200 young people.

The crowds were enormous and it was obvious - as the Archbishop said in his homily - that we need to build another church to accommodate our people. The enthusiasm of the people for their new church is so impressive.



The Sisters *Oblatas de Sanctissimos Corazones de Jesus y Maria*



Liceo Corazon de Maria - Father Frank with the Head Prefects

Registrations

You can register interest in the Mission by completing an enrolment form via the website at www.frfrankmission.org.au Enrolling within the Mission will ensure you are kept up-to-date regarding news from Fr Frank, and activities including fundraising to provide support.

Donations

There have been many requests for information regarding the appropriate process for making donations to the Mission. Funds may be direct debited or deposited into the following Commonwealth Bank account:

Manual Deposit:
Account No. 2902 0090 3419
Agent No. 13274

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Account No. 22524
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Thank you to everyone for your support - especially the anonymous couple who so generously made the building of this church possible.

We have achieved a significant goal in our missionary endeavours - creating a home for Christ in the sacrament and making it possible for his people to celebrate His presence: A House of God. The gate of heaven and grace for the poor, the church is surrounded by beautiful gardens and two shrines - one to Our Lady and one to Our Lord in Gethsemane. More will be written on the Church in the next Newsletter.

Now back in Australia, I look forward to seeing you all this month. We have brought over a young bloke from our mission for World Youth Day in Sydney - thanks to the generosity of a priest classmate's parish in Sydney. Miguel Angel is 28 years old and is studying Veterinary Science at University in Ecuador. Miguel is running our youth group and will begin a St Vincent de Paul youth ministry in San Francisco when he returns.

God bless you all and thank you for your generosity and prayers.

Fr Frank



Iglesia *San Alberto Hurtado*

¡Salve, Oh Patria, mil veces! ¡Oh Patria,
gloria a ti! ¡Gloria a ti!
Ya tu pecho, tu pecho, rebosa
Gozo y paz ya tu pecho rebosa;
Y tu frente, tu frente radiosa
Más que el sol contemplamos lucir,
Y tu frente, tu frente radiosa
Más que el sol contemplamos lucir.

National Anthem of Ecuador (by Juan Leon Mera)

Translation:

*O homeland, we greet you a thousand times!
Glory be to you, oh homeland glory be to you!
Your breast overflows with joy and peace
And see your radiant face shining
more brightly than the sun (repeat).*



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