

News from Fr J. in Peru who writes this New Year of how much pleasure it would give him to be able to announce that the basic needs of the poor in his area have been met and that he was no longer in need of our help. That is, however, far from the reality with many people hungry hence the continuing need for his seven soup kitchens and because so many people are sick with the diseases which are prevalent amongst the poor - tuberculosis, malnutrition, dysentery and typhoid - he needs to maintain his medical post there. He points out the continuing need there to provide an educational infrastructure for over 350 of the neediest children in the face of the civil authorities failing to provide for the most basic needs of their own people. He extends his thanks for the prayers, love and generosity which parishes such as St. Paul's offer time and time again and , whilst pointing to the effects of age on his energy levels, he says he remains energised by our gestures of kindness and extends an open invitation to all of us to visit his mission. We wish him well whilst helping when we can and, of course, we continue to pray for all those involved in missionary work.

The PHC Committee say a huge thank you to Kay Gallagher who has stepped down from the committee, for all her help and advice in the re-launch period of our Hunger Campaign, and in turn we welcome Pat Wilks on to the committee.

As of October 2010 through the generous contributions from the people of the parish, we were able to distribute £4750 to our seven projects that we currently support. But we are constantly reminded of several more worthy projects that we would dearly love to support. We thank everyone for suggesting new projects. The committee is aware for a need to increase membership in order to help our brothers and sisters further.

So if you are a subscriber, we thank you so very much for your very kind financial assistance and prayers. If you are not a subscriber then please consider joining. Simply contact the Campaign Secretary via the Parish Office. You could be the next £50 prize winner! Donations to our Hunger Campaign are also most welcome and these are eligible for Gift Aid. Most importantly, please remember us all and all of those in the Third World in your prayers.

On behalf of the Committee,

Joe Hughes, Secretary,
David Turner, Chair, March 2011

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