

Distribution Report

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Testimony #2047

Testimony Type

Local community

Distribution Items

Included Items:

1101-RICE-MEALS

Why Were The Items Distributed Here? What Are The Greatest Needs In This Community?

We connected with Paola's family through the head of the Social Development department of the municipality of Villa El Salvador which includes oversight of its Community Kitchens (Ollas Comunes).

Villa El Salvador is one of the largest districts of southern Lima and much of it is already developed infrastructure of water, electricity and sewage. However, families in Villa El Salvador typically navigate low and unstable incomes, with many depending on informal work. With limited job opportunities, low wages and rising costs of living (food, transport, and utilities) consume a large share of household income. As a result, most families in VES struggle to make ends meet and lack the ability to save and get ahead.

Public schools exist but are often overcrowded, with limited resources and inconsistent quality.

Healthcare access exists through public clinics, but wait times, shortages, and limited specialized

care are common. The few hospitals are overcrowded and quality of care is sometimes lacking. All in all, it is an area where a large portion of the population is struggling would be considered urban poor with less than ideal living conditions.

Name

Paola Chanco Herrera

Age

32

Gender

female

Occupation

Street vendor- Sells popsicles, sweets and cookies on the street

Family Size

5: Paola(mother 32), Jeimmy (father 30), Kalessi 9, Lucca (brother 4) Gumercinda (grandmother 78)

What Are Their Living Conditions?

Paola and her family have lived with her mother Gumercinda in her house in Villa El Salvador for the past six years. Her house is made of concrete and brick and has basic services such as running water and electricity.

Paola (mom) works selling frozen popsicles (marcianos), cookies, sweets on the streets. Jeimmy (dad) works as a driver of a mototaxi that he rents to be able to work and try to support his family.

Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.

A little over six years ago when Paola's daughter, Kalessi, was just three years old, she had a bad fall and hit her head. Paola and her husband took their daughter to the hospital because after the fall, her eyes became misaligned or cross eyed. The doctors told them that she had strabismus where the eyes are not properly aligned and point in different directions, such as inward, outward, up, or down. Little by little Kalessi's right eye started to close and she could no longer open it. This time, they took her to a child's hospital and where they performed more tests. At this point, she was diagnosed with Myasthenia gravis, a chronic autoimmune disorder causing fluctuating weakness in voluntary muscles, most commonly affecting eye movements, eyelids, facial expressions, chewing, swallowing, and speaking. Kalessi's right eyelid still closes involuntarily and she must take medication every day, to strengthen her eyelid and have check-ups monthly. Only with this medicine is she able to open her right eye and use it. Kalessi is a strong and very intelligent girl with a great attitude. With consistent medication, her condition is controllable and she can go to school and learn and grow like her peers.

So their greatest need is financial, but the Manna Pack helps by providing healthy meals for Kalessi and her brother. They can grow strong in body and the family's limited earnings can go towards the Kalessi's vital medication.

How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?

Kalessi and her brother Lucca are young children and need a balanced diet to grow strong and healthy. Their parents do their best to provide food on the table daily but the meals do not always provide sufficient protein for a healthy diet. The Manna Pack will be extremely helpful towards this goal of good nutritious food. Additionally, it will also be very beneficial for the children's grandmother Mrs. Gumercinda assisting her to maintain her health.

And perhaps more importantly, the entire family will remember that in their time of need, God provided food, prayer and love through a group of strangers from a local church.

Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.

Paola said:

I want to thank you with all my heart right now that my daughter's health is delicate. Thank you to Camino de Vida church, the donors, the pastors and all the people who are part of this great work. Thank you for making my children happy. I would like to know your church and also be part of this wonderful work.

Testimony #2049

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Local community

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Why Were The Items Distributed Here? What Are The Greatest Needs In This Community?

Name

Rocio del Carmen Ahumada Bringas

Age

46

Gender

female

Occupation

Unemployed- Unable to work due to illness

Family Size

3: Cesar (father- 55), Rocio (mother- 46) Antonio (son-16)

What Are Their Living Conditions?

Rocío lives with her son, Antonio in a small 10' x 10' room in La Victoria. Her son's father does not live with them but due to Rocio's illnesses, he comes to the apartment daily to help prepare meals and help get Antonio to school. Their room has electricity, running water and they have access to a bathroom. The apartment, though small, has a stove, a kitchen table and bunk beds for sleeping.

Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.

Six years ago, Rocio was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and then one year ago with breast cancer. She is currently receiving her fourth chemotherapy treatment for the cancer.

Though she wishes she could be healthy and have a "normal life", Rocio trusts God with her illnesses and her family. When the Parkinson's allows her, she writes poetry which keeps her calm. Antonio continues his studies and will finish high school this year.

Rocio's greatest need is to be able to have sufficient funds to purchase her medications and to

support her son with food, clothing and other necessities.

How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?

This Manna Pack was very helpful since due to Parkinsons and cancer and their treatment, Rocio is in delicate health and needs to eat well. The fortified rice will provide her not only with protein from the soy but essential vitamins and minerals.

Receiving the gift of Manna Pack also helps to alleviate a little of the financial burden by providing food for her and Antonio.

Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.

Antonio said:

Mom and I are very grateful for the donation and for that we will be able to eat better and that my mother can raises her hemoglobin. Thank you for helping us and us and other families in need here in Lima. God bless you!

Rocio said:

Thank you very much for everything you have brought us, particularly for the rice which will help me a lot in my diet. And also for the clothing donations! I ask God to allow you to continue blessing many many more families. May God take care of you and protect you today and always. I am very very grateful for the great blessing that these CDV volunteers brought to my small and humble home, God take care of them always!

Testimony #2052

Testimony Type

Local community

Distribution Items

Included Items:

1101-RICE-MEALS

Why Were The Items Distributed Here? What Are The Greatest Needs In This Community?

We heard about Talía from a volunteer of a partner church, Hearts in Action, in Cieneguilla.

Cieneguilla is one of the few non-urbanized areas of Lima. As a semi-rural district, it has a smaller population and very mixed inequality in incomes. Houses in Cieneguilla can range from modern villas to informal settlements. There are many areas, like where Talia lives, that lack infrastructure and basic utilities like paved roads, electricity, running water and sewerage. Again, where Talia lives, there's no public transportation. Only in this past year, have mototaxis started reaching the area. Thus residents have to walk long distances to reach a bus if they work in another district.

Name

Talia Quilca Torres

Age

29

Gender

female

Occupation

Mother and housewife; sells fish on the streets on weekends. Her husband works construction as a bricklayer.

Family Size

4: Talia (29), Ivan (32), Alesandra (8) Liam (2)

What Are Their Living Conditions?

Talía lives with her husband and two young children on a small plot of land that her relatives donated to her located in Cieneguilla. They have a small wooden home with corrugated metal sheet roof which does little to protect against the elements. The summers are extremely hot and dry. In winter, the cold and humidity are extreme in the evenings and mornings. They do not have running water and are reliant on tankers bringing water to them. There are no sewerage lines. They do not have dedicated electrical lines connected to the home but fortunately this year they were able to obtain temporary electricity by running cables from a neighbor's home. It can be intermittent but

is something.

Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.

The greatest needs are financial. Living so far away from any stores and transportation makes all things expensive. Alesandra has to travel a long distance for school and as mentioned, public transportation does not reach her community. Talía is three months pregnant so there will be additional costs related to the pregnancy. She and the children need a healthy diet to remain strong and grow properly.

How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?

That donation will help Talía a lot since for pregnancy she needs to have a better diet since she is low in hemoglobin.

The Manna Pack will also be extremely beneficial for her young children who need proper vitamins and a healthy diet.

Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.

Talia said: I am very very grateful with all my heart for the blessing you have brought for me for my family. Thanks to the church Caminodevida. And thanks to the volunteers who brought me this blessing and the donors who made it possible. Thank you for continuing to be of help for the many people, like me and my family, who need this food. Thank you! God bless you today and always!

Testimony #2053

Testimony Type

Local community

Distribution Items

Included Items:

1101-RICE-MEALS

Why Were The Items Distributed Here? What Are The Greatest Needs In This Community?

We were connected with Elda from a volunteer of a partner church, Hearts in Action, in Cieneguilla.

Cieneguilla is one of the few non-urbanized areas of Lima. As a semi-rural district, it has a smaller population and very mixed inequality in incomes. There are many areas, like where Elda lives, that lack infrastructure and basic utilities like paved roads, electricity, running water and sewerage. Houses in Cieneguilla can range from modern villas to informal settlements. Again, where Elda lives, there's little to no public transportation. Only this past year, have mototaxis started reaching the area. Thus residents have to walk long distances to reach a bus if they work in another district.

Name

Elda Teodora Torres Romero

Age

63

Gender

female

Occupation

Housewife

Family Size

5: Elda (mother 63), Joel (son 38), Angelica (daughter 35), Yunier (grandson 16), Gael (grandson 2)

What Are Their Living Conditions?

Elda is a single mom who lives with her older son, her daughter and her two grandchildren in Cieneguilla. They live in a small wooden prefabricated home with corrugated metal sheet roof which does little to protect against the elements. The summers are extremely hot and dry. In winter, the cold and humidity are extreme in the evenings and mornings. They do not have running water and are reliant on tankers bringing water to them every two weeks. There are no sewerage lines. They do not have electricity connected to the home but fortunately this year they were able to obtain temporary electricity by running cables from a neighbor's home and paying them monthly. It can be intermittent but helps.

Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.

Elda's greatest needs are financial. Living so far away from any stores and transportation makes all things expensive. Her grandson Yunier has to travel a long distance for high school and as mentioned, public transportation does not reach the community. She, her children and grandchildren children need money for food and clothing.

How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?

This Manna Pack is of vital importance for the family and especially for little Gael who is growing. He is two years old with low hemoglobin so this fortified rice help raise his hemoglobin and provide essential vitamins.

It also provides some financial relief since it puts food on the table and their limited funds can go towards other needs.

Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.

Elda said:

First of all, I give thanks to our God for this support and thanks to those who are giving us the food. I thank them very much in the name of Jesus. Thank you almighty God! Bless them Lord and help me Lord in every way. Bless the work that these volunteers are doing. Walk with them and accompany them every hour, every moment beloved Father Blessed Father. AMEN.

Testimony #2055

Testimony Type

Local community

Distribution Items

Included Items:

1101-RICE-MEALS

Why Were The Items Distributed Here? What Are The Greatest Needs In This Community?

We learned about Olga through a partner church, Hearts in Action, located in Cieneguilla.

Cieneguilla is one of the few non-urbanized areas of Lima. As a semi-rural district, it has a smaller population and very mixed inequality in incomes. There are many areas, like where Olga lives, that lack infrastructure and basic utilities like paved roads, electricity, running water and sewerage. Houses in Cieneguilla can range from modern villas to informal settlements. Again, where Olga lives, there's no public transportation. Only this past year, have privately run mototaxis started reaching the area. Thus residents have to walk long distances to reach a bus if they work in another district.

It is extremely hot in the summer and gets very cold and humid in the evenings and mornings during winter. For those living in the informal communities (human settlements), the weather can be brutal with their simple wooden structures and metal roofs.

Name

Olga Torres de Quilca

Age

60

Gender

female

Occupation

Housewife; Her husband is currently unemployed.

Family Size

3: Olga(60) Cayo (husband 63), Norka (daughter 18) (3 other siblings are married and leave elsewhere).

What Are Their Living Conditions?

Olga has been living in this area for approximately 5 years. She used to live in a much smaller plot of land near the area but she and her husband were able to save up and bought this land. It is a very rugged area with difficult access since it is far from the main avenues. It is without the needed infrastructure with no electricity, running water or sewerage. There are no shops. Access to water is difficult since a water tanker has to come every 15 days to fill their tank. They pay a person so that they can have temporary electricity.

Their home is constructed of bricks with metal corrugated roof. The floor is dirt but they have covered it with plastic. The rooms are separated by drywall.

Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.

Their greatest needs are financial. Currently Cayo, Olga's husband, is out of work. He has worked in construction in masonry for many years but now that he is older, they are hiring the younger men as he is limited in what he can do.

Consequently, their children have to provide for them but each of her children also has their own families and it has become more difficult for them to travel to Cieneguilla to help them both. Two weeks ago, Olga had an operation removing her gall bladder. Now she has additional complications and will need more surgery. Funds are required to purchase her medication.

How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?

Since her operation, Olga has lost weight and this Manna Pack fortified rice will be of great help. It

will provide her with protein and vitamins which should assist in raising her hemoglobin. It will also be helpful for the entire family and helps remove a bit of the financial burden of putting food on the table daily.

Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.

Olga said :

I am very grateful for this great blessing that has reached my home. Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for this blessing for me, my husband and my daughter. I pray that God always takes care of you, your way, your family, your work and for all the places you are going to go and will continue to go. Thank you. I bless you. I bless you every moment of your lives. I thank God for bringing you to my house. Thank you. God bless you always, Beloved Father. Blessed Father, protect them in your name. Holy Amen