

FIBC Food Security Project Report 3

GREAT EXPERIENCE IN THE COMMUNITY KASA ACHUTA!

By the volunteer Jose Huanca

The delivery of the seed potatoes was truly very pleasant on Saturday, October 7th. I have always wanted to be able to participate in these types of service work activities. In general, I liked the organization of this activity since it was possible to help all the families in that community. There are 94 families who live near the ancient ruins of the Tiwanaku civilization.

Likewise, I liked the welcoming by the local people of the community Kasa Achuta. They greeted us warmly and gave us some nice Tiwanaku handcraft presents. That attitude was a way to show their gratitude.

It was very interesting that when we arrived, the community members were already waiting for us. Also, I appreciated the gratitude they had for all of us. For example, it was wonderful to see and hear when the locals spoke about how they felt about getting support from Friends. Some of their words were: "We are already your 94 more F/friends." "Despite the fact that we attend different churches, we worship the same God, and we are going to pray for you", among other words that were said by locals that day.



The authorities and their wives gave a local clay handcraft present to the volunteers

At first, I felt a mixture of nerves and eagerness to be able to distribute the seed potatoes to all the families. When we arrived at the place and saw that everyone was already waiting for us, I felt more nervous, but thanks God everything went well. At the end of the distribution activity I felt super happy. I have always wanted to be part of service work activities. I am grateful to God who inspired teacher Emma Condori to invite me to participate in this trip for this activity in the community Kasa Achuta. I think it fulfilled my desire to be able to do what I had been hoping for.

In conclusion, I could say that at the end of the activity I felt good, both in body and in spirit. As our Creator teaches us in His words in the book Acts 20:35 "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Considering that verse, it could be felt that we were fulfilling God's words. And emotionally, for me, receiving the gratitude of all families gives one new encouragement to continue with this type of service work project.

PICTURES OF THE SEED POTATOES DISTRIBUTION IN KASA ACHUTA



Volunteer Jose and a local mother



Distribution of the seed potatoes took 4 hours



Families said "THANK YOU" with a smile as they were going back to their homes