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Dear friends,

Greetings from the Amazon, Peru. My name is Gérald Veilleux, a priest from the Société des Missions-Étrangères de Laval, QC who has been working in Pucallpa for the past 44 years. This town with a population of 500,000 at 850 km from Lima, the Capital of Peru, has a very large underprivileged population in spite of the economic growth.

During my stay I have built 2 comedors (dining rooms) which receive 40 children each to not only feed them a healthy meal but also help them in their studies especially math and language. Thanks to 2 Foundations in Canada I have also built 2 schools each with 20 classrooms and 2 daycares for the 3-5 year olds in order to better the education of the underprivileged. Health clinics are periodically held for vaccinations as well as providing free medication for the 0-15 year olds. I also have a dispensary to provide medications for the most underprivileged families.

In the last 10 years we have built more than 30 houses for families living in the most undesirable conditions. These families never expected to receive this help which changed their lives dramatically.

A few families from Ottawa wish to come together and build a house for a family who travelled 25 hours by boat on the Ucayali River, a tributary of the Amazon River. These people from the country come to town in order to better the future of their children with health care and schooling. It is through secondary and post-secondary education that they can achieve this and change society.

This is why in a gesture of solidarity and love we wish to give to others what we have in Canada. For this act of good will for those in need we are looking for donations from partners like yourself to purchase a lot of land and the materials to build the house for this family of 6 presently living in one room. The fund raising goal is \$10,000. The group from Ottawa plans to travel in July 2019 to build the home and live this experience with me .

Thanking you with all my heart for your generosity towards this family who will be forever grateful.

With all my friendship,

Gérald Veilleux, p.m.é. Missionnaire à Pucallpa-Pérou