



TYBURN MISSION NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

The world is in such a sad state of war, turmoil and suffering at the present time, that it is hard for us to grasp hold of the peace in the Christmas message. It is obviously ever more urgent that the Christian message be preached and lived in its fullness so that the world may believe in God. *“Only if people change will the world change; and in order to change, people need the light that comes from God, the light that so unexpectedly (on the night of Christmas) entered into our night”* wisely said Pope Benedict XVI. And so we must continue to pray for all

those caught up in the conflicts, that something of the light and peace of God may enter into their hearts. We can remember too, that Christian hope and joy centres on the life yet to come, and thus can never be completely extinguished by the events of this world, as St Leo the Great would remind us: *Dearly beloved, today our Saviour is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness. No one is*

shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all.

NEWS FROM OUR MISSION FOUNDATIONS

Tyburn Monastere du Coeur Eucharistique de Jesus, St Loup, France



From the Prioress of Tyburn Monastere,: This year on the 29th of September 2023, the Community at St Loup-sur-Aujon celebrated their 10 year Anniversary. How time flies!

As you can see from the photo we have a beautiful impressive Monastery, but as like all large buildings there is a lot of maintenance involved...inside and

outside. The main problem we are dealing with at the moment is the Kitchen roof which nearly collapsed some months ago. Thankfully the problem (which we had unknowingly inherited in 2013) was detected by our good neighbours – avoiding a catastrophe! The angels are still holding up our roof until the builder can come and repair the damaged roof.

Other maintenance issues we face are the deteriorating driveway, the replacement of our electric front gates, and a few minor holes in the walls!

We could also add that the monastery was built in the 1800's, and so it is considered a more modern building by French standards. We love our little Monastery and we know that the Lord God will help us with the good upkeep of this beautiful place of



God in the heart of France!

Gates needing repairs



Deteriorating driveway, France

Monasterio del Paraclito **Divino Guatape, Colombia**



The sisters have begun the maintenance of the monastery by renewing the fencing of the boundaries which had mostly fallen. An important necessity since otherwise neighbours can claim part of the land! So far they have not advanced in other repairs as they need first to find a reliable building company.

Their farm continues to produce fruit and vegetables for the community but they have competition in the eating of it. One of the sisters writes that in August they harvested corn. She thanks God that the squirrels found it only on the last day before harvesting, so they had few losses!

They have a good flock of poultry for the eggs and meat. Part of chicken's diet consists of guavas, on which they grow very well and quickly. Surprisingly, we hear that even the monastery guard dogs like to eat guavas and tangerines, but thankfully leave any fallen



tangerines because of the bitter skin.

They have a busy apostolate in the guesthouse. People are only gradually coming to know of this beautiful monastery tucked away up in the mountains. Many, when visiting, say they did not realize

before that there were Benedictine Nuns in Guatape, and often then return for a retreat.

In August they received Mrs Lina Serna as a novice oblate. The oblates are affiliated to our communities but continue to live in the world. They try to live according to the spirit of the Rule of St Benedict and commit themselves to certain daily prayers. It is always a joy to have oblates who become part of our extended family.

New
Novice
Oblate.



Monasterio Puerta del Cielo **Vicabamba, Ecuador**

The Sisters at our monastery in Ecuador are increasingly aware of the need for prayers for their country. They tell us that the Consecration of the country to the Sacred Heart was renewed this year. Ecuador was the first country in the world to be dedicated to the

Sacred Heart on March 25th, 1874, by President Gabriel Garcia Moreno with Archbishop José Ignacio Checa y Barba. (Both were soon after murdered for their Catholic stance)



The plaque reads: Picture before which the National Consecration of Ecuador was made.

This was predicted well ahead of time. In a little known apparition, Our Lady of Good Success (Quito, Ecuador, 1599), prophesied the consecration more than two hundred years earlier. It's amazing to read: *A truly Catholic President will come in the nineteenth century, a man of character, to whom our Lord God will give the palm of martyrdom in the plaza where this convent of mine is.*

He will consecrate the republic to the Divine Heart of my Blessed Son. This consecration will uphold the

Catholic religion in the subsequent years, which will be tragic for the Church.

Our Lady also accurately prophesized that *"the accursed sect of Masonry will take command of the civil government"* and that there would be a *"cruel persecution of all religious-communities."*

In fact from 1895 to 1925 - the Liberal Era - the Freemasons established a laicized State with laws of civil matrimony, divorce and equal rights for all religions. At the same time the Church was persecuted.

Thanks to the Consecration, Ecuador is still a predominantly Catholic country but evil seems to be again taking the upper hand. There is a spike in violent crime fuelled by drug trafficking, which has turned the country into one of the most violent in the region, with the fourth-highest homicide rate – higher even than Mexico. Ecuador has recently held a presidential election. The community hopes that the new president will understand *"that the touchstone of a true civilization is the moral and religious perfection of its people."* (Garcia Moreno) May our Lord

continue to assist and protect Ecuador.



Building repairs

At the monastery, the Sisters continue to welcome many guests as well as host the baptisms of children and the occasional wedding in their small chapel. With the generous donations received, they have been able to build new bathrooms in the guesthouse and



Chickens and eggs!

dormitories which were much needed, some even having hot water. There have also been

repairs to the roofs and repainting of those areas in need. They are most grateful to the benefactors who are helping them and remember them in their prayers.

The garden and the farm animals are thriving and helping the community to be self-sufficient. They successfully sell honey as well as some of the animals.



Monasterio del Sagrado Corazon, Sechura, Peru.

Our monasteries in Latin America have many feasts special to the region. One of these in Peru is the Captive Lord of Ayabaca and during October it is common to see pilgrims in purple garments making the journey on foot to Ayabaca. Many pilgrims travel days or months just to be able to look at and pray to the Captive. This year the miraculous image was taken to various parishes, and our Sisters in Sechura were among those privileged ones.

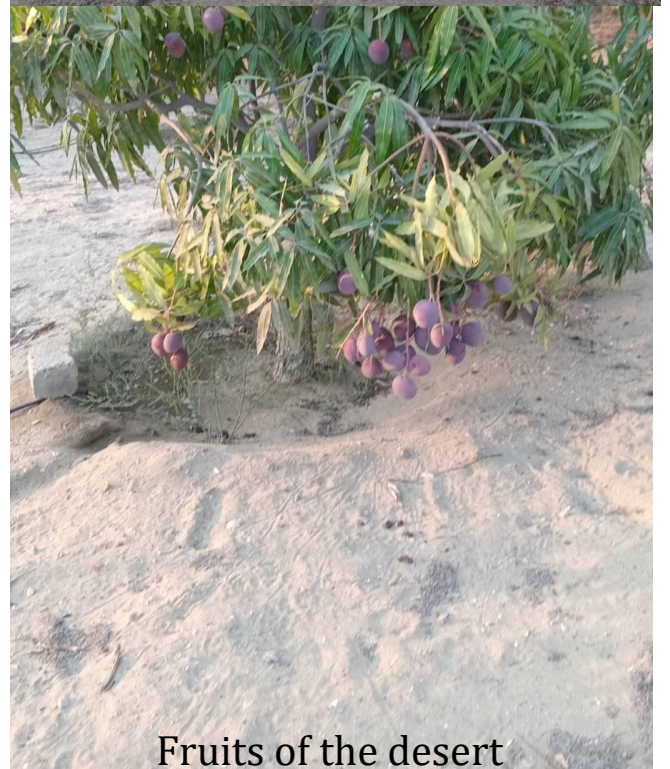
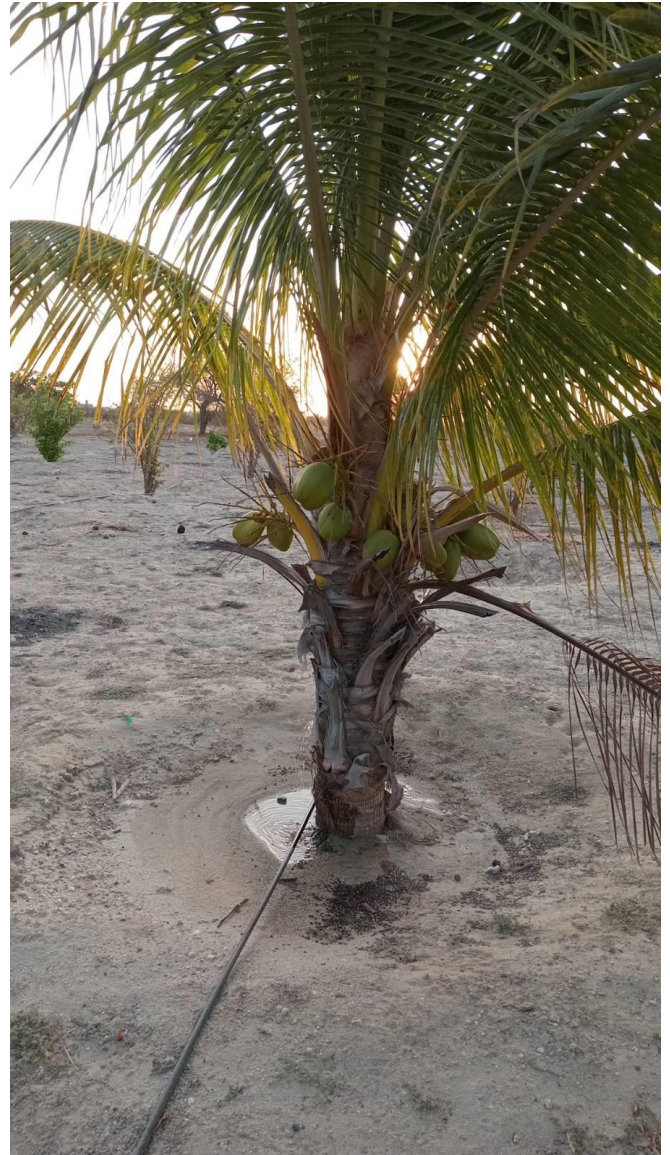


Sisters with The Captive Lord of Ayabaca

Thanks to a small Museum which this monastery set up many years ago, they have regular visits from school children to learn about the history of their region. The children of the local school also came to join in the day of prayer for peace in the Holy Land on the 27th of October.



Despite the chronic lack of water in the desert of Sechura, the tropical orchard is so far managing to survive and be productive. The Sisters work hard to keep it growing.



Fruits of the desert

THANK YOU for your continued prayer and generous support for our Mission Foundations.

We wish you and your loved ones every grace and heavenly blessing at Christmas and throughout the New Year. With the Blessed Virgin Mary, we pray that all hearts may joyfully welcome her Son Jesus as their Redeemer. He who humbled himself to share in our humanity so that we might share in his divinity.

Praise to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to Him be glory and honour for ever!



The Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly.

With affectionate greetings and earnest prayer for all your needs and intentions.



Note: Next year, 17th June, is the 100th Anniversary of the passover of our Foundress, Mother Marie Adele Garnier: 1924 - 2024. You will be most welcome to join us in celebrating this blessed day!