

## INSTITUTO CHAMINADE MARIANISTAS CALLAO, PERÚ

The Instituto Chaminade Marianistas is a post-secondary technical school, which offers a three-year career program in Information Communication Technologies (ICT) and a variety of additional extension courses. Currently about 150 students ages 18- 25 enrolled. The mission of the Institute is to *promote the development of youth, preferentially the poor from Callao, according to the Marianist educational principles. Thereby increasing employment possibilities by way of a quality integrated technical formation and insertion into the labor market.* The Institute represents a concrete Marianist social commitment to working with youth in situations of economic disadvantaged.

While there have been many challenges in the last ten years, they have had successful results with 75% of graduates of the career program since 2001 working and 32% working in the area of Information Communication Technology. When compared with the national average of only 47% of ICT students encountering employment and 32% within the ICT sector. These statistics affirm the Institute's contribution to improving the lives of these young adults.

Strong humanities and pastoral programs support the academic learning and provide a method for moral and spiritual formation. These programs help the Institute fulfills Fr. Chaminade's call to "multiple Christians" and to "read the signs of the times." Currently there are seven lay Marianist communities that have been



Students with children and teachers in the mountain pueblo of Tulpav, during the Misión 2007.

generated and nurtured by the Institute, with close to 40 students, graduates and staff members involved. These groups are reflecting upon the force of the gospel in their lives on a regular basis and are strongly committed to the Marianist charism.

The economic and political environment of Perú presents challenges for the Institute and its graduates, especially in relation to the demands of the labor market. Despite these challenges the Institute remains committed to strengthen its work with young people to improve their lives both socially and spiritually. It is contributing to the improvement of Peruvian society by helping to foster a more honest, transparent and responsible workforce.

To learn about the specific programs, institutional goals and visions, read student testimonies see the

Organizational Report 2006 English version (linked from Family Online). The **Institute accepts International Marianist Volunteers for a year-long commitment**, whom have facilitation with Spanish. If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities or **learn how you can financially support a student or program of the Institute** email Bro. Felipe at [fmelcher@chaminade.edu.pe](mailto:fmelcher@chaminade.edu.pe)



The 9th graduating class of the Institute celebrates with the traditional cap tossing