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Adolpho and the other Comuneros were concerned that older women and children were malnourished, so with Caritas' help, a community dairy herd was established. With training, the quality of the cows improved and they now produce eight litres of milk a day, doubling what they started with. Twelve litres a day is the target. The increased milk production makes a big difference to health.

Adolpho believes that the relationship with Caritas shows the community how to share, listen and respect each other. Women are included in decision-making and training programs, increasing confidence and self-esteem. Caritas continues to work with men and women to make sure that the good relationships formed by the program apply to family life as well. The men of the village know that the world is changing and that relationships and roles between men and women must also change. This is *Fair Play Today* in action.

Adolpho is pleased that Australians are reaching out to a community on the other side of the world that they don't know. They are doing their best to honour this gift.

When you give to Project Compassion you too are applying *Fair Play Today*.



Literacy/Comprehension

Fill in the missing words. The capital letters and full stops will give you clues.

Caritas Australia and Caritas Huacho have worked together with the Jucul community so that Adolpho, Margherita, their children Marbil, Cathy and Anna Lee and the community have:

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*plant knit. Cows milk shear Seeds vegetables wool drink.
Sheep milk eat.*

Adolpho: Steps to success

In Jucul, high up in the Andes Mountains of Peru, farmers use the technique of terracing to grow crops on steep slopes. Terracing means step-like ledges are cut into the mountainside where farmers plant seeds. Potatoes, corn, beans and wheat are grown. Farmers only grow enough food for their families to eat.

Caritas Australia supports this community with a rural development program that involves training in crop, cattle and sheep production. By working with Caritas Australia's partner in Peru, Caritas Huacho, the people hope that one day they will be able to produce enough crops to sell to communities further down the mountains.

Caritas Huacho works with the *Comuneros*, the community leaders. The President, Adolpho Ricapa Rodriguez, married to Margherita, has three daughters, Marbil, 9, Cathy, 7 and Anna Lee 4. Adolpho has great plans for helping Jucul be a thriving, happy and successful community through improved cattle and sheep breeding.

Caritas Huacho staff train the Comuneros in new techniques for working with cattle and sheep. Because new stock improves the quality of the herd and the meat produced, Caritas provided the community with four bulls, twenty cows and some sheep. The wool has improved so much that it is sold to other communities and produces enough income for families to buy extra vegetables, clothes and books.

Jucul farmers apply *Fair Play* by giving four bulls and four rams to another community to develop a herd. This shares and extends the benefits of the program and helps avoid in-breeding (poor quality of cattle and sheep).

Caritas also helped the community identify ways to improve health.

Dear God, the people of Jucul are working to develop good relationships within their families. Help us follow their example and build strong relationships with our own families. Amen.