Beverly, Oct. 29th, 1869.

My dear Mr. Barchas,

We hope that already you will have received our last letter and will be rejoicing with us over God's great goodness.

Now permit me to tell you of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd in Francisca. You will remember that in one of our last letters, I spoke of a young woman who had interested over some families, but that there was yet no chapel place provided for chapel. The girl's name is Francisca Rivera, and her father is Francisco Rivera. She has shown great interest from the beginning and a remarkable change in life and manners. She is the oldest daughter of a large family and has improved her opportunities by teaching her little brothers and sisters all she knows here. Her father and mother, beleaguered by her entreaties, have consented and earnestly attended. At first, they offered the living room of their own house, in which to hold services, but we not only felt that this meeting place should be dedicated, but also to that purpose, and the room was rather too small. And so, a more central position was desirable. Finally, Francisco Rivera offered a small house he owned, which was easily accessible for all. And the day after we closed Francisca went there to see it. They found it would have to be considerably enlarged, repaired, and nearly roofed. Before it would do as all agree the purpose, so they started out at once to win up the people to help. And before the close of the afternoon, one man had promised four palms, another promised two, and clean the towers, another to bring beams, another to build.
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turned to the church and to receive a special charge in the Council. Perhaps we have not told you that Don Andraes is seventy-five, if not, and although of years and very robust in appearance, he suffers from heart trouble, and this last fall has been in a very critical condition twice Manuel has been called to his bedside, and then viotas over him to save his life. Lately he has looked much stronger and better, but of course there is always danger that the slightest over-exertion may bring on an attack.

When Doña Fornonia and the other guests were at his not having come — the last one of the boys flying to tell him that if he would possibly make the effort and come — we would wait for him. It is a long distance from here to his home, and after the boy set out, a heavy shower of rain fell, but still we did not give up hope. We spent the time in singing hymns and all was perfectly quiet and orderly. At last, Don Andraes came, and after the service, he told us of the many difficulties in getting there.

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In the first place, he had understood the reception of December and the change to the Committee was to be made in the next meeting. When the boy arrived to tell him we were waiting, he at once went for his horse and began to get ready, and was even given strength to put on his shoes which he had not been able to do for many years — from God help us, even in little things!

Then he reached the gate of his farm, ground the horse, and limed it with lime, a thing he never knew he could do before. But this work, which at any other time would have been enough to bring on an attack, did not affect whatever. And Doña Andraes urged the horse, made him go, and go on, and then to climb God for his strength and protection. When the Jasmins mother who was the horse was sure, the horse planted his feet fast and turned his head, could make them cross. — Doña Andraes then says the doctor...
Rain's are no stranger in January... That Saturday was
Cloudless and bright. Father Manuel and Don Antonio started out in the
morning, and so reached the village till noon or about the cheerful
hour of the siesta. After the rains -
They found another surprise awaiting them - the Chapel was enlarged
by an addition of fifty feet on one end - they had just finished
pasting the morning. Clemente had gone up to Pelayo on Sunday
but it had rained nearly all day Wednesday. But in the evening he
caught the train to get you - and said - How you know Saturday
was the dedication of the Chapel and we must have it in hand
you know. This meant rent for the rest of the day - who is going
to stand in the rain? They all answered readily, even one poor sickly
Cancan - she said I have only a few weeks more to live - and
Clemente was less to nothing to me - I will go too - and to what? -
So Thursday morning. In the dedicaion day - the
Cancan returns to town and when the rains are over - they go back
and stand on the boards and try to stop the rain. They work all day and
nothing for the next day and by four in the morning they were at work again
finishing the roof. They had the roof decorated for the dedication
with some flags and little flags - and on the walls some
signs and pictures we had sent them. Early in the afternoon
the crowds of people began to assemble - and although the
Chapel was so small, longer it was not large enough to hold
them. The dedication service is taken partly from the Bible -
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afterwards the Asmonea also was
greatly feared. But someone seems to make the people happy and happy
and bring greater and greater blessings.
Clemente's brother who used to gather the people to gather for dances.
He was a leader in all sorts of attacks. Now gathering them to gather...
Saturday afternoon, I had gone over and helped them decorate the little chapel. It seems very small, but really holds a large number of people. As we joined yesterday afternoon, there were over sixty from eighty to seventy present, many standing. The benches were brought from different homes. But new benches are being made, and we hope they will all be done this week and the chapel will be completed by next Sunday. The dedication service and the sermon and the people all pictured in the ceremony and anticipation — and that we pray that the Good Shepherd, having given them the name may make them under His tender care, that they may call them each one and that they may know His voice and follow gladly into the fold.

At the end of the service, the came down in Toronto and I suppose many were wet. We reached home dripping, but happy and thankful that yet another lamp was lighted which no earthly storms or rain can extinguish — as long as our Father’s hand protects the flame.

The air is very wet and from this comes a special prayers for us in the next weeks as Manuel will be writing the daily experiences to be observed in each of the congregations. A special prayer and chapter for each day. We hope to make a plan of each district and, and the committee must from the Constitution and laws of the church and the work begun must be well organized.

Our plan is to have each chapel open every week, in each congregation, a missionary or Bible woman, who shall go from home to home, reading and teaching, and who shall every night gather all in the chapel for prayer and reading. There are three whom we are considering and praying over, all of whom seem to be worthy. The one in Telega we think ought to receive some remuneration. She is a widow, greatly respected and admired by all for her model life. No one has anything but good to say of her, and she has shown a wonderful understanding of
the word - receiving it with joy - She has an old mother - who is
in very poor health - and two little children - about ten and
six. and a little girl of three - These we thought we might bring her
to care for them, as although we have made it a rule not to take
children with mothers - this would be an exception - as the mother had
be dedicating the time she would give to her children - to God and His
Service - Manuel was told the other day of how beautifully
the old mother was talking to her daughter - saying that the
day had come to her when she was old and feeble - but if she were
only young how gladly she would give up all, to dedicate herself
of spreading the goodness, and what a blessed privilege and
honor it was to be called by the Lord for His service.
We had thought of giving her one or two or five dollars a month
or more, if she would have her own
life answer us what you think of this -
The two others are Maria Rivas in Masacan and
Pasqualine - in Taboada Limon. We shall not be
hasty in choosing any of them - but take praying for
Guidance. Our plan is to have the Missionaries under
our direct supervision for the present, having them sometime
for a day or two each week for special exercise of prayer
and study of what they can teach to others the remaining
days of the week.