



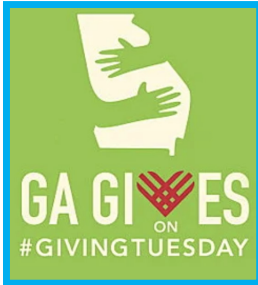
# Winter 2023 Newsletter

# Tools for Empowerment

## Dear Friends of ASAP,

We ended 2022 with so much to look forward to in the new year, thanks to supporters like you!

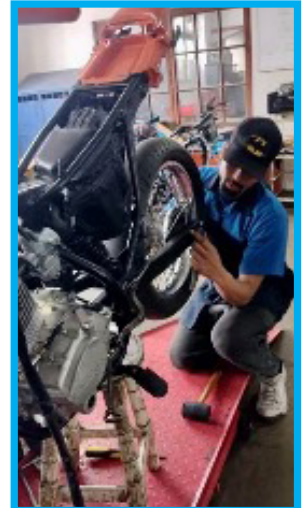
## New This Season



**Over \$8,000 Raised in 32 Days** At the end of each year, ASAP joins hundreds of non-profit organizations in promoting Giving Tuesday and calling on communities to donate before year-end. Our community overwhelmed us with its generosity, and we ended 2022 with a bang! Further, those who gave more than \$100 were gifted a Flame Lily from ASAP. We are proud to see 16 of these beautiful bulbs make their way to new homes! We cannot wait to see the fiery colors of Zimbabwe's national flower grace gardens here in Georgia. A big thank you to those that gave – your donations support ASAP's efforts to equip young trade school graduates around the world. We are humbled by your contributions and proud of our local community's support of international communities.

**Your Donated Tools in Action** Our last shipment to Peru has been unpacked and distributed to the Salesian supported trade schools throughout the region. Your donations are living a second life in the hands of new mechanics, electricians, carpenters, and seamstresses; all young people who are embarking on paths to independence and self-sufficiency. With that, we invite you to:

**Meet Francisco** Francisco is a young Venezuelan migrant who left the country with his family after the economic crisis and political persecution. While he found asylum and better opportunities in Peru, he hungered for more stability and turned to the Don Bosco House for Migrants and Refugees in Magdalena, Lima for support. He soon joined other young people in studying to become an auto mechanic, however, he had to constantly borrow tools while saving for his own. During his studies, he learned of the donated tools program and after applying, he and his classmates had their own sets of tools for the first time! Francisco is thankful for the opportunity to not only study for his career, but also have the tools needed to embark on his own, after graduation. These donated tools will become much bigger tools in supporting Francisco, his local community, and his family in Chile, Ecuador, and Colombia. We are proud to play a small part in his journey and grateful to be able to share his story with our own community.



Francisco using donated tools in Peru

## Looking Forward

**ASAP Recycle Center is Closed but Volunteer Hours Still Open** The recent heavy rains were too much for our Recycle Center's roof. So unfortunately, we have had to shut it down. It is closed to both volunteers and tool donations at this time. However, we can bring the work to you! If you or your group have a space, we have the tools and cleaning supplies to keep our mission going strong. Message us for details and we'll prove that a little rain can't stop us!

## Thank You!

We are proud to share a small glimpse of our mission in action this season by sharing the story of just one of the young graduates that your continued support touches. With you, we really do **change lives, one tool at a time.**

*With Grateful Hearts.*

*Elizabeth Bara,  
President, ASAP Empowers*

### A Self-Help Assistance Program: Tools for Empowerment

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