



From November 19 to 21, in the city of Riobamba, high in the Andes Mountains of Ecuador, the Assumptionist community, lay and religious, welcomed the leadership team/tandem appointed to form lay Assumptionist groups across Latin America: Mrs. Victoria Prada from Bogotá, Colombia (who came with her husband, Orlando) and Fr. Luis-Ramón Rendón from Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The meetings Tuesday were divided into three parts: a moment of prayer held in the Assumptionist residence and organized by Moisés Urquizo, an Assumptionist candidate; a conference given by Fr. Luis-Ramón and Victoria; group sharing on their presentation.

Wednesday evening we gathered in the home of one of Riobamba's lay Assumptionists, Susana Vique, for further formation by the tandem. We also watched a video about the social involvement of the lay Assumptionists in Bogotá. Lay Assumptionists there have taken responsibility for a reach-out center in a blue-collar neighborhood of the city where they care for the homeless, provide after-school activities for children, and tend to poor families in the parish. We were very touched by these efforts which also planted some seeds for our own possible ministry in the future

