



People living in shacks build barriers of burning tyres. They wear masks as a disguise.



Relatives of those who have been detained, put in prison and killed by the army, demand justice.



Women are often the ones who run homes and whole communities. A 'common pot' gives one meal a day to those who have no incomes.



Women making patchworks. The map on the wall reminds them of the 90 000 believed to be 'disappeared' people of South America.

SOMOS MAS

We are more

'Somos Mas', which means 'We are More' in Spanish, is what women in South America are saying through their sewing. Many South American countries have very harsh governments. People live daily with army and troops in their villages and towns. There are many detentions. There are rapes committed by troops. Loved ones just disappear at the hands of these governments.

Whereas the newspapers often do not report on these things, women do - through sewing! In Chile sewing bordados which are patchwork news squares started in 1974, the year their socialist government was overthrown. Things got very bad. Women began to meet together in the slums of Santiago, Chile. They began to embroider patchwork squares that told of the repression that was happening in their lives.

These patchworks are sold all over the world in markets and shops. In Peru, women work together to sew patchworks as well. A woman from Peru said, "What we are trying to do with these messages is to make evil disappear."



Women on the march with banners saying: 'I am a socialist, I am a feminist, I am an optimist.'



The moon has risen, but the women still have work to do.