

# Newsletter Oye LENA

Educational project, Curahuasi, Peru

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## 04/05/2015 - Damaris receives gifts!



One of our new toddlers, Damaris, was “double” lucky this month! Not just one, but two lovely ladies wanted to become her godmother: Student Xanthe Lauwers, who worked for 3 months with Damaris as well as a Belgian sponsor, Natalie Freson. On top of that, both godmothers surprised Damaris with a present! Xanthe bought some much needed shoes, a sweater and a doll at the local market and Natalie sent two lovely t-shirts and a stuffed animal from Belgium! Damaris was over the moon! Thank you for bringing a smile on her face with those presents! PS: Xanthe, she has been wearing your shoes every day!



## 04/05/2015 - Xanthe & Laura each work out their own project

Xanthe Lauwers and Laura Verstappen, two students at the Hogeschool Gent, began their bachelor internship at Oye Lena in February. Xanthe worked around the theme “traffic” for three months. This is an important topic for the children in Curahuasi, as proven by Edwin’s accident last year, because of the national road splitting the village into two parts. Xanthe made the children aware of the dangers of the road, how to cross safely and lots of other things! Not easy for our little ones, but she managed to teach them a lot.



Laura elaborated a communication map for Jean Pierre, a boy with cerebral palsy. This condition has left him unable to speak, even though he has the intellectual capacity to communicate. With the communication map, we want to enable Jean Pierre to express his desires. The book consists of different pictures, sorted by theme, where Jean Pierre can point at. Whether it’s a banana he wants, to paint or to go outside and play, from now on Jean Pierre can convey the message.

For blind Lucho, who has speaking problems as well but is intellectually very strong, she worked on communication through gestures. This seems an illogical move for a boy who can’t see, but nevertheless it’s a sensible strategy. Lucho understands everything, so you don’t need to signal him, but to answer he uses gestures. By gesticulating he can indicate if he’s in pain, needs to go to the toilet or wants to play music for example.

Unfortunately, both girls had to return to Belgium to finish their bachelor thesis and studies at the beginning of May. Luckily, the projects they finished stay with us and will be





used daily! Thanks to you both for your efforts and accomplishments! Good luck girls!

## 08/05/2015 – Thank you mommy!



On the 8th of May we threw a party for the Oye Lena moms. Almost all the toddlers' mothers were present but unfortunately, getting the mothers of the special kids involved

is proving to be a difficult task, only Jean Pierre's mom showed up. It's a work in progress however, we won't give up that easily! So, we didn't let this spoil the fun and started the party with our daily songs, a special song for the moms and of course a small present made by the children.

Afterwards we played the game 'Know your child!' where they had to recognize their kids' eyes on pictures, discover the correct trivia and guess their weight and length. At every stall they could win a cap, with which they could participate in the guinea pig game. This is a well known Peruvian game where you have to guess in which box the guinea pig will flee. If it enters the box you voted on, you win a prize!

The parents did their best and were very enthusiastic.

After playing the games we all ate delicious pancakes and there was hot chocolate for



everyone!



## 18/05/2015 - Valérie visits Peru!

After being away for 18 months, our Belgian project manager, Valérie Demol, visited her beloved Peru, her former hometown Cusco and the project. She helped out at the project and, just like in the good old days, she organised a party in Cusco in discotheque Mythology with the help of our volunteers: Stijn Rosiers, Yannick Stryckers, Limme Van den Abeele, Marije Op de Weegh, Laura Peeters en Raquel Rodriguez. The evening began early with salsa lessons and moving hips after which the dj's took over and dancing went on until early morning. Valérie and the volunteers helped to

prepare the party, motivated people to enter the discotheque, collected money and sold Oye Lena gadgets and candy. A lovely evening and a nice amount of 280 euros!

Valérie enjoyed her stay and is already looking forward to a next journey!





## 11/06/2015 - Baby Elliot

On the 11th of June, project manager Stefanie, her husband Gilder and daughter Sofía welcomed baby Elliot. (Congratulations!!!) Raquel Rodriguez is taking over a big part of Stefanie's tasks at the project for a little while, but Stefanie will stay available at any time. Together with volunteers Limme, Raquel and Laura, the lovely Oye Lena kids made a beautiful banner for Elliot's homecoming on Friday! In return, he thanked them with Belgian candy and chocolates.



## 20/06/2015 – Father's day at the plaza



Father's day isn't really celebrated elaborately in Peru and fathers aren't really put in the spotlight. With Oye Lena however, we wanted to do it anyway! Hoping to involve fathers more, we held a celebration especially for them. This was organized on the town's square instead of on the school premises hoping to reach more dads. We

sold pancakes, organized a tombola and got out our guinea pig game once again. There were a lot of people at the plaza and our stands were very successful! Unfortunately, only 3 fathers of our toddlers showed up, but apart from that it was a nice day! Thank you volunteers for baking pancakes and sacrificing your well-earned day off!!



## 30/06/2015 – Teachers go on strike

During the month of June, teachers and management in the province Apurimac went on strike to obtain higher wages and better working conditions. In Curahuasi, this meant schools were closed for weeks. Our volunteers however, continued working but had to teach to a small group since it was difficult to reach all our children! Some toddlers considered the strikes as holidays and others had to go to work on the field with their parents. We did our best and worked intensively with a group of ten kids whom we found on the street or at the place of appointment. Luckily as of Monday the 29th, strikes are over and all our toddlers are back! Phew!!

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## Short, but fantastic messages!

**Hans Pekaar and Nelleke** stayed at Casa Lena for a week and visited the project. They were a welcome help at the party for mother's day, brought lots of materials in their suitcases and Hans even became our very own photographer and took a lot of beautiful family pictures! Thank you both a lot for the pleasant visit!



While traveling through Peru, **Stefaan en Hilde Van Erps** visited the project and brought lots of presents for their godchild Wilde. Wilde was quite shy when meeting them but very proud of the dinosaur, puzzle and clothes they gave him. Thank you very much!





**Mimi Renders** organized a party for friends and family. She didn't accept any gifts other than donations for Oye Lena either. Her cousin, ex-volunteer **Pauline**, informed all attendees about the project and shared her experiences as a volunteer. Together they convinced them to donate and managed to gather

700 euros! Thank you very much ladies! This money was also used for the build of the "special class" and paid for the steelwork of 50 mm, tiles, and finishing of the shower and the windows!

**Brigitte Vanhove**, mother to ex-volunteer **Fie Malem**, and **Marc Pieters** finally got married after 11 years. For this special occasion, they decided to refuse all gifts and instead ask for a contribution to the Oye Lena project. Altogether, they collected a thousand euros! In return for this fantastic fundraiser, we ordered a full day of beautiful sunshine on their wedding day. With this donation, they are contributing to the build of the "special class": 27 m<sup>3</sup> of sand, insulation and paint! We wish them both the best and are very grateful that they are willing to share their happiness with us!



Prior to her departure, volunteer **Limme Van Den Abeele** organized a breakfast for friends and family. These happy bellies were very generous and a total amount of 800 euros was collected. Limme used this money to buy some specific materials in Belgium and the remaining money will be used to pay for the workers who are building the “special class”. Thank you very much to Limme and her family for this great fundraiser.

Godmothers **Xanthe Lauwers** and **Christine Vijt** gave some presents to Stefanie’s parents for them to give to Damaris and Wilde. Clariza, Ruth, Milagros and Luch received some presents through mail from their godmothers **Vanessa Burms**, **Manon Zoumaé** and **Brigitte Vanhove**! As the pictures below clearly show, the kids were very happy! Thank you very much!





For the second year in a row, **Hilde Brewaeys** took part in the jumble sale in Beigem, all profits going to Oye Lena. Because of bad weather, turn-out was a bit disappointing... nevertheless she still made 94 euros selling knick-nacks. Dominique and Hans Waanders donated the cost for keeping the shop on the market.

Volunteer **Maarten Jammaer** found some room (as well as the time and money) to fill his luggage with lots of stimulating craft materials.



**Families De Greef – Van Boxem, De Poortere – Tavernier, Kestens-Van Humbeek and Pieter Steppe, De Soete Katelijne, De Soete Arnold en De Maeseneer Willy** have also supported and sponsored the project in these past few months.

Thank you very much to each and every one of you!

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## Hip hip hurray!

May and June were very important months for Liset, Fernando, Yimy en Flor, since they each got a year older overnight! Their birthdays were celebrated with a beautiful crown and they could pick a present from the “Birthday Box”. This box is filled to the brim with nice gifts thanks to all you fantastic godparents! Thank you very much!!



# Volunteers come and go...

## **Marije and Stijn continue their journey!**

This month, we've had to say goodbye to Marije Op De Weegh. For six weeks she gave her all on the project and worked with the toddlers and special kids. Since she was the only Dutch volunteer (from the Netherlands) she was treated to a daily dose of Flemish classes. The kids, as well as the rest of us, loved her enthusiasm and we hope she does well in the future!

We've also had to say goodbye to Stijn Rosiers, who cared for our toddlers for several weeks. He was a great help during lunch and playtime and was especially fond of the game "Hamertje Tik", a stimulating game where you can hammer figurines on a cork board. Father skills approved!



Both continued their travels en are definitely missed on the project! Enjoy the scenery guys!



## Wist u dat ....

We u voor uw gift van minstens € 40 een fiscaal attest afleveren?! Dat attest kan u bij uw belastingaangifte voegen, en het bedrag van uw gift wordt dan in mindering gebracht van uw belastbaar inkomen.

Om te bepalen of u recht heeft op een fiscaal attest voor een bepaald aanslagjaar, tellen wij bij aanvang van het daarop volgende jaar al uw giften van het voorbije jaar samen. Komt u in totaal aan € 40, dan ontvangt u een fiscaal attest. U krijgt dat dus bij het begin van het jaar dat volgt op uw gift.

Wil je weten hoeveel er in mindering wordt gebracht? Bekijk onderstaande tabel. Hoeveel verdien je op jaarbasis en hoeveel belastbaar inkomen.

Marginale aanslagvoet per €40 - belastingverlaging  
per €40

€ 0,01 - € 8.070	25%	€ 10
€ 8.070 - € 11.480	30%	€ 12
€ 11.480 - € 19.130	40%	€ 16
€ 19.130 - € 35.060	45%	€ 18
€ 35.060 of meer	50%	€ 20



Dit attest wordt enkel gegeven bij giften op het rekeningnummer:

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Leraars zonder Grenzen vzw, Jan de Graefstraat 7, 2600 Berchem

met vermelding: "gift aan LzG, ONG Oye LENA"

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## Oye LENA heeft er 2 nieuwe meters en 2 nieuwe peters bij!

Met dank aan Arthur Van Erps, Vrielinck Elise, Bert Macken en Katja De Munck!

# Maar Oye LENA is op zoek naar meer peters en meters!

**Wil jij meter of peter worden van één van de kleuters van Oye LENA?**

**Dit betekent dat je voor slechts enkele eurocenten per dag een kind en zijn omgeving een nieuwe toekomst biedt! Waarvoor dank!**

Peters en meters kunnen op voorhand voorkeuren i.v.m. geslacht en leeftijd (3 of 4 jaar) doorgeven. Het peterschap begint met het ontvangen van een foto en een tekening, via e-mail. (vanaf maart, binnen twee weken na de eerste storting).

De meeste communicatie zal via e-mail gebeuren, dit om de kosten te drukken. Indien je met speciale gelegenheden graag iets in je bus ontvangt, geef je best via je postadres door.

Stuur je liever geen post/e-mails, dan kan dat best!

Heb je toch zin om iets op te sturen kan dit in het Nederlands, wij zorgen wel voor de vertaling. Houd er rekening mee dat de kinderen nog erg jong zijn. Een leuke foto zal meer teweegbrengen dan een ellenlange brief! Vergeet ook niet dat de post er soms lang over doet om de afstand België – Peru te overbruggen. Om dit te vermijden is het ook mogelijk om de correspondentie via mail te doen. Wij zorgen dan dat deze geprint tot bij het kind terechtkomen. Mailen kan naar [oyelena.peru@gmail.com](mailto:oyelena.peru@gmail.com).

Het postadres is:

**ONG OYE LENA (Stefanie Van Erps)**

**Oficina oficial de correos de Curahuasi**

**Curahuasi**

**Abancay**

**Apurimac**

**Peru**

Wie dit wenst kan ook het project en zijn kind komen bezoeken. Breng ons op tijd op de hoogte!

Om de transactie van geld vlot te laten verlopen kan je best je bank een bestendige opdracht geven om maandelijks een vast bedrag (minimum 10 euro =30 cent per dag) te storten op ons rekeningnummer. Om de transactiekosten te beperken heeft Oye LENA een Belgisch rekeningnummer: BE28 06889753 0620 (BIC: GKCCBEBB).



Het geld gaat niet specifiek naar je eigen petekind, maar wordt gebruikt voor **ALLE kinderen van het project**.

- Voor de aankoop van eten en drinken. De kinderen ontvangen dagelijks fruit, een snack, een middagmaaltijd en drank.
- Voor het financieren van de doktersbezoeken waarbij kinderen een degelijke behandeling en gratis medicatie krijgen.
- Voor het aankopen van speelgoed en educatief materiaal.
- Voor het vieren van verjaardagen en andere feestdagen: taart en kadootjes!

Indien je wenst het peterschap te beëindigen kan dit op elk moment. Je hoeft enkel een e-mail te sturen en je bestendige opdracht stop te zetten.

**We houden je regelmatig op de hoogte van de vorderingen van het project en je petekind!**

**Veel liefs,**

**Het Oye LENA – team**

