

Newsletter Oye LENA

Educational Project, Curahuasi - Peru



July - August 2015

30/06/2015 Braille for Lucho and Fernando

Albert Keersmaekers gave Oye Lena a special typing machine to teach Lucho (blind) and Fernando (bad eyesight) the "Braille" language. For both boys it was their first introduction with braille. He also lent us an antique piece existing of holes and nails, with which they used to learn braille. Peter Van Erps, made his own version for the boys. Raquel is introducing this new language to the boys so we'll keep you informed about their progress!



13/07/2015 Travel organization Joker visiting!

On the 13th and the 21st of July, two tourist groups visited Casa Lena. 12 youngsters stayed for two nights at our private beach near the river, close to the hot springs of Cconoc. During the day they went puenting (jumping off a bridge with a rope), tubing (drifting along the river in a tube) and walking. One afternoon, they also played with our kids and some of them even brought presents! In September the third and last group will swing by. Thank you very much for your visit, you were great!





23/07/2015 Pool full of fun...

As mentioned previously, swimming has become a regular (bimonthly) activity with our kids. So in July, 10 volunteers and 20 toddlers we went to the hot springs for an afternoon full of water pleasure. They played, swam and laughed; these trips are a huge success!



27/07/2015 Cleaning, painting and special classes during the holidays!

The 28th of July is Peru's National Holiday which, in Curahuasi, is celebrated with a food market, performances and two weeks of holiday for the kids.

This year Oye Lena closed his doors as well in order to clean everything properly. In the first week, all the toys were cleaned, the floors scrubbed and the classrooms reorganized.



Furthermore, we went swimming with our special kids, who enjoyed the nice weather and the warm water with their personal coaches.

During the second week, the walls of the courtyard were given a new look and the lessons of Lucho, Fernando, Clariza, Andrea and Jean Pierre continued!

In between the courses, volunteers painted the three vegetation areas of Peru: costa (sea), selva (jungle) and sierra (mountains). A beautiful result!

01/08/2015 Suitcase full of presents

Ex-volunteer Pauline, her mother Hilde and her aunts Barbara, Mimi and Lief gave some presents for their godchildren Jean Pierre, Eliazar, Lucho, Andrea and Damaris to Shana for her to bring to Peru.

On top of that, they also gave a board game for all the kids of the project!

Shana and her niece Charis, her mother Nadia and grandparents Nicole and Leo also gave their godchildren Yerson, Carol Eva, Joncito and Reyson some presents.





12/08/2015 Overjoyed with socks...



Godmother Viviane,
thank you very much
for the socks for these
neglected feet!

Most of the kids don't
wear socks in their
shoes and were very
happy with this little
present!



15/08/2015 Last remaining money needed for the relaxation and exploration room has arrived thanks to Dijkstein and SSE Kasterlinden!

Ex-volunteer Fientje Belloy convinced her school Dijkstein in Sint-Katelijne-Waver, to organise their yearly sponsor run in favor of Oye Lena. All the kids participated and ran the best they could, collecting 3000 euros!!

When the fantastic team of teachers and the great kids of OV3 autism, Special Secondary Education, found out we still needed 1040 euros to finish the building, they decided to donate the money of their soft drink action, 1115 euros in total!

Thanks to these two actions we collected enough money to cover the planned costs for the relaxation and exploration room. The workmen already did a lot! In September we hope to place the windows and the door, to install the sanitary facilities and start with decorating the inside.

We'll keep you posted, our kids were thankful and had their own "thank you run"



20/08/2015 Doctor's visit with Marleni

Since the beginning of August, we have a new girl at the project: Marleni, little sister of Fernando from the special education school. They live in a miserable little house together with their alcoholic mother who neglects them severely.

More than two years ago, Marleni's leg was operated in Abancay (the nearest city) after an open leg fracture of which



the cause is still unknown.

Since she was clearly still in pain, we went to the German hospital, Diospy Suyana, on the 20th of August.

Seeing the deformed leg, they helped us immediately and various X-rays were taken.



These images showed that Marleni's fracture hadn't healed yet, probably because she didn't rest enough after the operation. With an open leg fracture, doctors can't put a cast around the fracture because this might cause the wound to infect. A traumatologist will operate Marleni's leg free of charge: the ends of the fracture will have to be scraped off after which they will give her a cast to make sure the fracture heals this time. We hold our breaths and will follow up carefully!

Short messages

On the 20th of June, Lien Jacobs and Steven Van Soom left by bike to the summit of the Mont Ventoux! They asked their friends and family to sponsor them and collected 750 euros!



Godmother Sara Dias Portugal gave her colleague, who visited the project, a present for her godchild Yimmy.



The Royal Theatre Group 'Streven' from Sint-Katelijne-Waver closes its doors after 60 wonderful years. The board, in which Dirk Belloy, father of ex-volunteer Fien Belloy, is seated, decided to sell the materials to support Oye Lena. This made a profit of 650 euros for which we are very grateful.



Volunteers Kathleen Emmery, Elisa Raes and Charlotte Moerman brought a lot of stuff for the project in their suitcases! Laminating paper, balloons, plasters, make-up and clothes-pegs, which will suffice for a long time!



Volunteers Laura Peeters, Limme Van Den Abeele, Kathleen Emmery, and Elisa Raes also became godmother of David, Yuliana, and Liset and left presents for them or gave them personally.

On the 6th of June, Patrick Lenvain and Marnic Gypens participated in a golf tournament in Kampenhout organized by Lions Club Brussels. They won the second prize, 250 euros for a charity of their choosing. They chose Oye Lena so we received this fantastic amount! Thank you very much Lions club Brussels and gentlemen to think of us.

Upon arrival in her home town, ex-volunteer Deborah Niever promoted Oye Lena fiercely convincing her family to donate a little extra to our account. Her parents, Thomas and Ulrike Niever and their church community from Altenmuster gave 155 euros and her father in law, Dr. Josef Hofer-Alfeis gave 100 euros. Our first German donations, thank you very much!



Karen Defranck, speech therapist at hospital Inkendaal, visited the project during her journey through South-America and donated materials and thickened fluids to make the eating process easier for kids with cerebral palsy: Jean Pierre and Clariza. Thank you!

Luc, Hilde and Katrien Breawaes visited the project in August and brought presents for their godchild Fernando and his brother Lucho. The boys were very happy!



Godmothers Christine Vijt, Sally Witdouck and Celine Malfait deposited a little extra on our account for us to buy (birthday) presents for their godkids Wilde, Flor and Jean-Pierre.



THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO EVERYONE FOR THE BIG AND SMALL, KIND AND USEFUL DONATIONS!

Volunteers come and go...

Laura Peeters, Limme Van Den Abeele and Yannick arrived in April and worked with our toddlers and special kids for 4 months. For a few weeks, they were even almost entirely alone on the project, but nevertheless they did their very best to keep things going and offer the kids fun and good education. The kids enjoyed their presence very much!



A lot of students, teachers and other working people sacrificed their summer holidays the past months to give our kids a nice time! Charlotte Moerman, Kathleen Emmery, Elisa Raes, Marlies Verduyn, Inge Audenaert, Maarten Jammaer, Shana Berrevoets, Els De Waele and Nina Van Belle gave their best whole summer long and returned to their own school desks or jobs at the end of August.



THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH, YOU WERE GREAT AND WON'T BE FORGOTTEN SOON!

¡Feliz Cumpleaños!



Welcome new godparents:

Els Aerts, mom of Laura Peeters, Lieselot Bronselaer, Kathleen Emmery, Elisa Raes, De Mulder Diederik, Hollevoets – Godts Luc and Erica, Nancy Garay Cachay - De Cuyvers and Nina Van Belle



Only for those who live in Belgium: Did you know ...

You can receive a tax certificate for your donations from € 40 and more?! This certificate can be added to your tax declaration and the amount of your donation will be deducted from your taxable income.

To determine if you have the right to a tax certificate for a certain assessment year, all the donations you did during that year are being count up at the beginning of the next assessment year. If you reach a total sum of € 40 or more, you receive a tax certificate (at the beginning of the year following to the year you made the donation in).

Do you want to know how much is being deducted? Take a look at the table below. How much do you earn on an annual basis and what is your taxable income.

Marginal tax rate per €40 - tax deduction 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 or more	50%	€ 20



The certificate will only be given for donation to the account number:

IBAN BE48 5230 8027 2427 / BIC TRIOBEBB

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

with mention: "gift aan LzG, ONG Oye LENA"

Oye LENA is looking for more godparents!

Do you want to become a godparent to one of Oye LENA's toddlers?

If you do, you can offer a whole new future to a child for only a couple of eurocents a day. Thanks in advance!

Godparents can let us know if they prefer to sponsor a boy or a girl, aged 3 or 4.

When you become a godparent, you receive a picture and a drawing via e-mail (two weeks after the first donation). Most communication will happen via e-mail in order to keep costs down. If, however, you would like to receive regular mail on special occasions, you can leave us your address.

If you do not want to send your godchild messages via mail or e-mail, that is no problem at all. If yes, you can do so in English. We will make sure a translation is available. However, keep in mind that our children are still very young. A nice picture will do more than a long letter. Also, do not forget that it can take a while before your letters arrive in Peru. If you want to avoid long waiting times, it is also possible to send an e-mail. We will make sure your e-mail gets printed and given to the child. You can send your e-mail to oyelena.peru@gmail.com.

The postal address is:

ONG OYE LENA (Stefanie Van Erps)
Oficina oficial de correos de Curahuasi, Curahuasi, Abancay, Apurimac, Peru

It is also possible for you to come and visit the project and your godchild, just tell us in advance if you want to come over.

In order to make sure payments go as smoothly as possible, it is best to use a standing order. That way, you automatically deposit a fixed amount into our bank account (a minimum of €10 = €0.30 a day). Oye LENA has a Belgian bank account:

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The money is not destined to your individual godchild, but will be used for EVERY child on the project, for:

- buying food and drinks. The children receive a free lunch, fruit, a snack and drinks every day;
- financing visits to the doctor's, where the children receive free treatment and medication;
- buying toys and educational materials;
- celebrating birthdays and other festivities: cake and presents!

If you wish to stop being a godparent, you can do so anytime. You only have to send us an e-mail and cancel your standing order. We will also keep you up to date with all the latest developments of the project and your godchild!

Lots of love, The Oye LENA – team