

Newsletter Oye LENA

Educational project, Curahuasi - Peru



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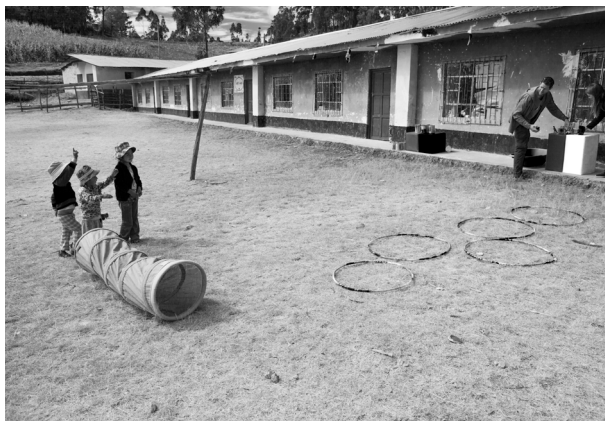
09-06-2016 Oye LENA on the loose!

As you could read in the newsletter of December, one of our students started to give classes in October explaining the project in the small village schools. She did so for three months. During summer holidays and as Stefanie, the project coordinator, had to travel to Belgium, this project was temporarily stopped.

Starting from Thursday, June 9th, some of the volunteers have been returning every week to one of 2 mountain schools in Puka Puka (5 toddlers) and Ccocchua (8 toddlers). As on the project, they instruct the toddlers in the same way through a certain theme. We started with the theme 'space and day/night' with the following lessons: astronauts training (jumping, throwing, crawling, ..), shadow theatre: "guess how much I love you", star weaving and a mathematical game with aliens in different shapes (square, circle, triangle) and the basic colours.

The preschoolers and all of the teachers are more than excited! The level of the children, however, is much lower than it should be, largely because these children are even poorer than those living in the Centre of Curahuasi and speak Quechua. It is clear : our help is more than welcome.

photos by Tanja Willekens



12-06-2016 Second visit to Cachora orphanage

On Sunday 12/06/2016, we visited the Cachora's orphanage, which is situated on the bottom of a valley on the feet of a huge mountain with a big glacier and an amazing view. The orphanage gives hospitality to a lot of children between six and fourteen years. Since the first moment of our arrival, we felt we were in a special place.

Even if for most of us it was the first time there, the children gave us an incredibly warm welcome, with big hugs and smiles, and called us "hermanos" and "hermanas" (brothers and sisters). We played all together some team games and had a lot of fun! Balls, a volleyball net and hula hoops were left in the orphanage, so the children and adolescents are also able to use them without our presence.

After feeling the sun burning, we enjoyed a tasty cake together and the typical peruvian gelatin. Just a little time was left to play some more games and unfortunately we had to leave. It was hard to say good bye, but we feel that there is a special connection between everybody. We are grateful for this experience and for sure we are going to come back "see you soon mis hermanos!"

By Alessio Vecchiato (Italy)



Relaxation room finished!

After letting the walls dry for a couple of months, a few volunteers decided it was time to finish the relaxation room. Laura, Ida and Jolien painted the 2 new class rooms which now look absolutely fabulous. Jolien, Tanja and Stefanie worked on the interior of the classes, adding some cool lighting effects. The ceiling was provided with a fluorescent moon and some stars and the ground was covered with synthetic grass. The result resembles the feeling of lying in the grass on a beautiful night! Thanks to everyone who helped and everyone who donated lighting materials and relaxation (snoezel) materials over the past years!



Puka Puka 2

Our first challenge was to remember the name correctly, and with that under our belts, the three of us drove to the village school nearby. We sat down with the four children as they listened carefully to the story of the Frog Prince, and then watched their little brains whirring as we played a maths game; searching for frogs with eyes of a certain shape or colour.

The highlight of the morning came when we set up a jousting course outside, which involved the children running from the starting line, jumping over ropes, hopping through hula-hoops, aiming their 'lance' through dangling targets, and finally knocking down the monsters. It's not hard to imagine how much the children enjoyed this, so after a calmer session of piercing holes and exploring which items floated/sank, we let the brave knights loose to play again, before heading back down the road.

By Catrin Harris



And of course there were kids to be celebrated...

This time, because it was Marleni's birthday and we were welcoming 12 years old Diane, who has cerebral palsy, into the group!



Volunteers come and go

In June, we said goodbye to the family of Roel Verhaert, Katleen Loos and their two kids, Wine and Tonke. The whole family lived with us on the project for 10 months. They had a great time here, but more importantly, made sure that the Oye Lena kids had a great time as well. Roel provided a nice humoristic touch and a necessary amount of craziness! He was also our happy driver who never refused an extra trip for one of the kids. Katleen worked as project coordinator and guidance counselor for the volunteers and students. Not an easy job, but she executed it perfectly! She worked day and night to give everyone a nice time on the project. Wine and Tonke went to a local school in the mornings and played amongst the other Oye Lena kids in the afternoon. They learned to speak Spanish and made a lot of friends.

All four of them had their specific talents and role and will be missed for it. We hope to welcome them once again in a couple of years! We can't thank you guys enough for all that you have done! Lots of love, and hasta pronto!



New godparents

Welcome and thank you very much to Patrick Vandeveld (visitor Casa Lena), Luc Hollevoet and Joanna Van Der Jonckheyd.

Actions in Belgium

Wereld Missie Hulp supports Oye LENA: In march, Stefanie met two very motivated people, Katrien Engels and Suzanne De Strooper, who worked for “World Mission Help”. A possible collaboration was discussed and Oye Lena immediately had a big clothes collecting action. This was a big succes on all thre of our collection points: Ingrid Vandekelder in and around Brussels, Kim Welman around Mechelen and Leen Dierckx around Hekelgem. Thanks a lot to everyone who donated their clothes, we collected no less than 700 kilos. On top of that, 3 volunteers from our Belgian Workgroup, Stijn Cools, Pauline van Aelst, SHana Berrevoets and her boyfriend Maarten Van Rompaey helped out on the WMH party on the 24th of april. On their side, the representatives of WMH decided they wanted to chip in and donated 3000 euros to add to our bus-savings. A fruitful collaboration indeed! Thank you very much!



Roger en Ronald organise a Paelle feast: When Roger and Ronald visited us at Casa Lena, there was an immediate connection. They were very charmed by the place and the project and decided to get in action! A couple of months later, they organised a grand Paella feast for friends and neighbours. There was a lot of food, some music and dancing and lots of laughter. Even the obligated “Belgian rain shower” couldn’t spoil the fun or the profits! An amazing 2700 euros have been collected and the shop profits add another 200 euros. Thank you very much two both of you, and to all the helping hands of course!



Happy news!!

Belgian project leader Valérie Demol got married on the 17th of June in Lennik with her Peruvian husband Dussan. We want to congratulate them and wish them all the best in their life together!



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.

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€ 0,01 - € 8.070	25%	€ 10
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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

