

Newsletter Oye LENA

Educational project, Curahuasi



september 2016

01/09/2016 plastering, painting and reorganizing

In two weeks time, probably a Peruvian record, the classrooms of Oye LENA were clean and finished. In the past, the bricks were only painted, but as we suffered from spiders and other vermins, we decided to plaster the walls during the holidays in September.

After plastering, the classrooms were also provided with a base coat of clean white paint so that all the attention can go to the artwork and educational posters on the wall. Due to the limited amount of time, this was a real group effort: Milena, Stefanie, Susi and two Peruvian dads painted the classrooms in two days..

The classrooms were also reorganized: Milena and Stefanie brainstormed about a new format. One of the classrooms was transformed into a "Lets' Pretend" class, with a shop, a kitchen, a doll's house, a theater and a building spot. The so called "Blue classroom" was baptized "Creative classroom" filled with all the arts and crafts material and the "Red classroom" was called "Learn and Play" classroom with all the puzzles, construction materials, board games and "Themetrunks" with materials suitable for fine motor skills (plasticine, threads for paerls, ..) and the Smart Games.

Finally, we also put a railing around the new playground (the new playground we talked about in the newsletter of Jan-Feb 2016). This railing, though quite expensive (a cost of almost 2500 euros!), was more then necessary to guarantee the safety of the children.



“Joker Reizen, Belgium” paying us a visit

The summer in Belgium coming to an end, as a consequence the last “Joker group” came to visit us. As a fact, from July to September, just like last year, 4 groups of about 12 young people came to visit us. They helped an afternoon on the project and brought in their suitcases some stuff along we really needed.

In addition they also went rafting, puenting and camping with “Casa Lena”, the travel agency of Stefanie and Gilder. Some of them still keep in touch with the project. For example Liselotte Reyskens, arranged for a new wheelchair for Clariza and Jochen Merlier succeeded in putting us on the list of that we were taken as one of the charities of the Kick-off festival in Ghent, Belgium (see below). Thanks!



“Kris Kras Reizen, Belgium” also paying us a visit

For the first time the youngsters of “Kris Kras Travel, Belgium” came to visit us! Kris Kras Travel is specialized in a sustainable way of travelling destined for young people aged 18 to 30 years. Our 12 visitors under the guidance of Boris, helped on the Welcome Party (see below) and also went rafting, puenting and camping with “Casa Lena”.

We were astonished to see what they brought along! Before leaving they consulted our website, and so they knew what we needed most. 10 kg of material was the unexpected result: a suitcase full of writing instruments, equipment for sensory plays and craft supplies! Thanks, you guys are great!



16/09/2016 New classrooms celebration

To celebrate the new classrooms all of the children and their families were invited to a party on the 16th of September. The families first could explore the classrooms together with Stefanie and then enjoy a wonderful afternoon. There were a lot of games and fun for the kids as well as for their siblings and parents. The Oye Lena team and the families enjoyed playing the typical Peruvian frog-game "El Sapo", the children got balloons in form of different figures, received kids make-up, could participate in a parcours-contest and play different ball games.

After being very active everybody enjoyed gelatin, popcorn, mazamora and rice pudding. Invigorated by the food, the mothers could do some shopping for little money.

All in all it was a lovely afternoon filled with laughter and joy.

By Emma Schneider



29/09/2016 Meeting the parents

Every last Thursday of the month, we organize a parental contact discussing various topics. The parents, feeling more and more comfortable with us in the meantime, take an active part in the discussions.

We talk about the importance of education, what they can do at home, the effects of alcohol on the brain (believe it or not, but children drink beer at home). Sometimes, we also create costless didactic

materials together. This month for example, we made a stuffed animal together with the parents from stockings, needle and thread.



30/09/2016: Traffic Theme – a walk through the village

As an apotheosis of the “Traffic Theme” at the end of September we went to the village to apply the traffic rules learned at school in real life. It was the first time I managed a ‘trip’ with the kids and I found it really very very nice.

All the kids were super excited and did more than expected. On the basis of a rhyme they had learned on the project, they explained how to safely cross the street to passers by. How proud they were to show what they were capable of!

They sang our traffic song in the bakery and as a reward they obtained cookies. At the end of the trip we went to play in the playground. What a fun experience!!

By Aze Peeters



¡Feliz Cumpleaños!

Asiri and Janeth were celebrating their birthday this month, Asiri's godmother, Joanna Van der Jonckheyd, payed a little extra for us to buy a present with... A beautiful doll!



Volunteers come and go...

Student Sara Defoor did her internship at Oye Lena for 6 months last year. She returned in July for three months to help us with the kids. In Belgium she learned how to make figures, animals and a lot of other things with balloons. Of course she showed it to the kids who loved it, naturally Thanks Sara for your unconditional commitment!



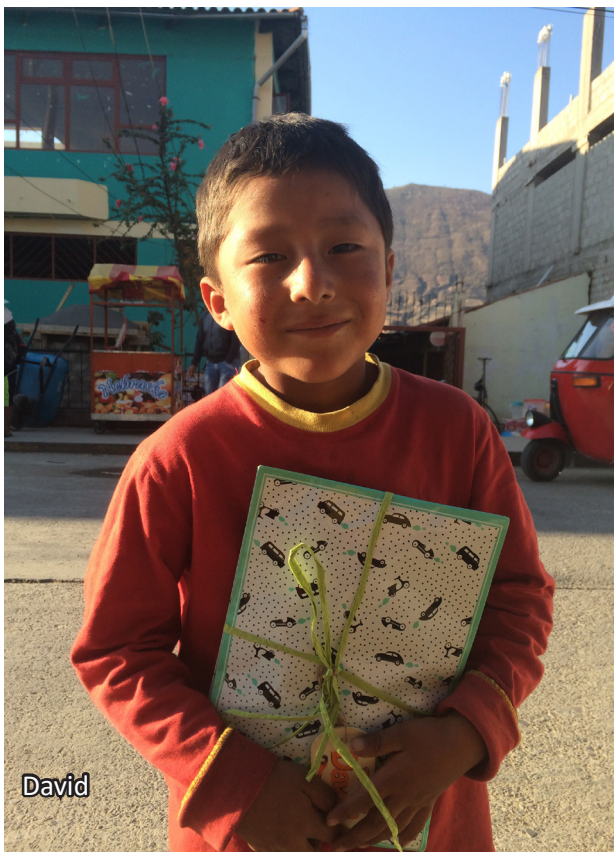
Short messages

Maria received a personal letter from her godmother Kim Welman, clearly making her very happy. Thanks Kim!

For Juan Diego we didn't have a godmother yet and as a result didn't receive a present this schoolyear. Volunteer Milena brought something for him! And, good news, at the end of the month Rita Houben became his godmother!



Volunteers Aloe Del Campo, Margot Wuyts, Eline Schepens, Milena Vleminckx-Huybens and Ludmilla Schneider, mom of volunteer Emma Schneider had a lot of stuff in their suitcases. Thanks ladies!



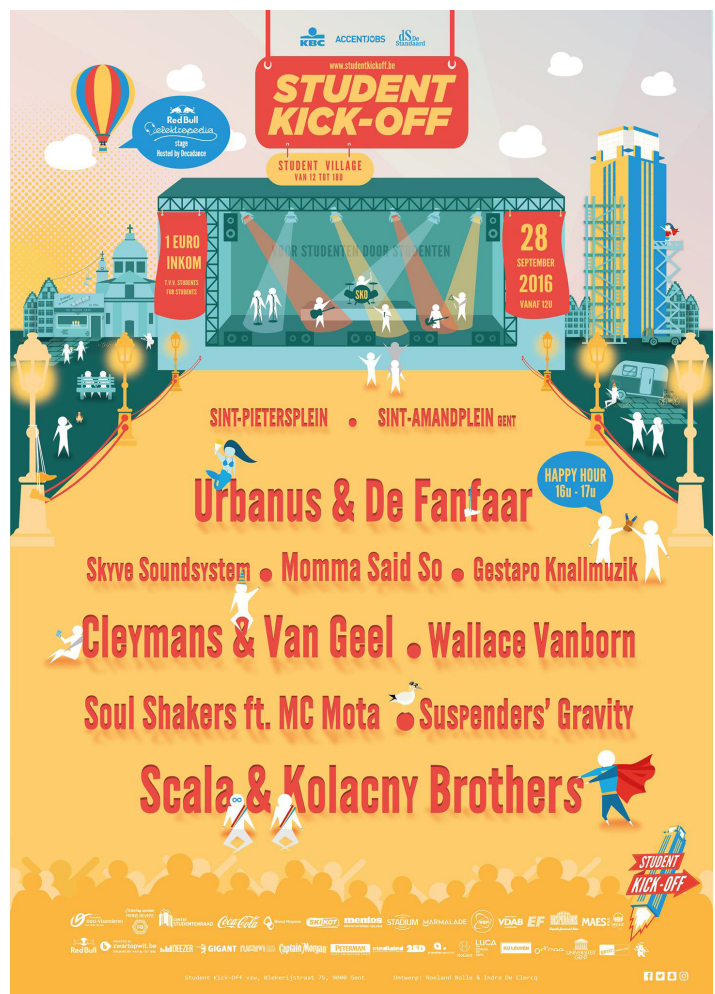
Godmother Laura Peeters sent us a present for her godchild David. David is not longer a student at Oye Lena's, but his sister Damaris still is and we meet David regularly on the street. This way, we could give him the present and see the smile on his face!

News from Belgium: 28-09-2016 Oye LENA helps on Kick-off Festival, Gent!

September 28th, the 11th edition of the "Kick Off Festival" in Ghent, Belgium. The unofficial start of the new academic year for all students. All students pay 1 Euro entry and this fee goes to charitable educational projects (both in Belgium and abroad). This year Oye LENA, along with other NGO's was chosen.

Volunteers of all these organizations had to organize a total of 250 "shifts" and according to the number of shifts they took care of, were granted a contribution! The volunteers of Oye LENA succeeded to take care of 25 shifts and received as a result the amount of 2,700 Euro! Next year we will participate again, and we will try to organize more shifts and as a result, to collect even more money. If you would like to help, please contact us as soon as possible!

Thanks Jochen Merlier to introduce our project, thanks Lisa Dieleman for the organization of our shifts and thanks to everybody taking care of a shift!



Short messages from Belgium:

Thanks to ex-volunteer Jolien Grymonprez "Music Harmony" of Moorsele, Belgium heard of our project and they decided to sponsor the project for a 100 euro! Thanks Jolien and "Music Harmony" of Moorsele!

Ex-volunteer Eva Struycken didn't want any gifts for her birthday, instead she asked her friends and family to donate to Oye LENA. Happy birthday and thank you very much!

The Belgian work group under the guidance of Isalien De Block met for the third and last time in 2016. Next meeting will take place in March 2017! If you want to be part of this working having reunions three times a year, please contact us at oyelena.belgie@gmail.com.

Oye Lena godparents, one big family!

We are happy to welcome 4 new godparents this month: Rita Houben (mom of Laure), Jacqueline Thues (grandmother of Laure), Lut Houben (aunt of Laure) en Marc Vanhove (dad of Laure). Thanks Laure and the whole family!

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

