

Newsletter Oye LENA

Educational project, Curahuasi – Peru



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IN PERU

01/02 Dentist visit of Jose Abel

On Wednesday Jose Abel came to Oye LENA with a swollen cheek, we didn't know if it was because he had a fight or for others reason. The day after the cheek was even bigger, he could barely open his eye; he was in pain, so we decided to take him to the hospital Diospi Suyana. After a lot of waiting and some visits they decided on a dentist operation with anesthesia to take out a tooth that was totally rotten. After the operation, we had to wait some hours, because he was still "drunk" from the anesthesia. Now he is already feeling better and we hope he can face the next appointment at the dentist with the same bravery, so we can save his precious smile.

By Alessio Vecchiato

02-02-2017 Two monthly visit to the hot water springs of Cconoc with our special kids!

Every two months we visit the hot water springs of Cconoc with our special students. So at the begin of February it was that time again...

Clariza loved holding her breath while going under, Jean-Pier and Diana had a very active session in physiotherapy, Marleni had to flee from a dangerous shark, profesora Fleur; and Jose Abel needed a lot of time to find the courage to get into the water.

I think I can say that both the children and the volunteers had a lovely day!

By Jolien Santens



06/02 Fleur and Lisa donate steps and a lot more!

Fleur Wetzels and Lisa Vermeulen, two students at KDG university college, collected money before they left for Peru. Most of it by selling Christmas cards: 860 euros to be precise! During the first weeks of their stay they already bought 4 steps and the remaining part will be used to buy iron goals and planting trays to do some gardening with our kids with a disability.



18/02 Monthly visit to the orphanage of Cachora

On the 18th of February we went back to the orphanage with volunteers Jolien, Hendrik, Sara and Charline. The kids were welcoming and we felt at ease right away. We had a lot of fun with them, they were really sweet and enthusiastic about the games we played. When we left, we handed over a small gift and pictures to two former students of Oye LENA, Brayan and Jesús. As they were really happy that was a nice way to end our visit.

By Charline Loontjens



24/02/2017 Fiesta de promoción

On the 24th of February we had to say goodbye to ten of our kids, because they would start primary school in March. No better reason to throw a party. So after their last classes on Friday night, we organized a graduation party for Ruth Betsy, Ruth Milagros, Emerson, Yessenia, Juan Diego, Yaneth, Eliazar, Romina, Roswel and Zarith in the village. After waiting a long time for all the kids to arrive at the party we were able to start the ceremony. Before getting their diplomas and presents - a backpack full of school supplies - the kids had to participate in a game with challenges. If they succeeded enough challenges, all the kids in the room would get a small gift. They all did their very best, so everybody received a box of pencils. After that we handed out the diplomas. The kids all looked very proud and happy during the small personal speeches Stefanie held.

When the ceremony was over, the party really started. We danced and had a lot of fun. When the party was over the time to say goodbye had come. We gave the kids a big hug and wished them all the best in their new schools.

By Charline Loontjens



24/02/2017 Backpacks for graduation party from ex-volunteer Amy

Last year during her summer break Amy Hoch volunteered at the project. She teaches at the Huntingtown High School in Maryland. After her return she still wanted to support Oye LENA and she decided to do this by donating the graduation present that the children receive when they leave Oye LENA. With the money she raised, she bought backpacks for every child. The National Honor Society members and the Girl Scouts brought the school supplies; Amy's Spanish club put them together and made bracelets with their names. She, herself (!), brought the backpacks to Peru during her Christmas break! Unfortunately she couldn't join the party itself, but we can tell her and her students that the children were amazed! They were incredibly happy! I don't think they ever saw backpacks that pretty!! Thanks to Amy and her students for this beautiful gift!



24/02/2017 Visitors bring along gifts

Before spending some nights at Oye LENA, the Belgian couple Walter & Nicole and the English couple Patricia & Mike asked what they could bring for the kids. We suggested to bring gifts for a game at the graduation party and so they did. Patricia bought 30 sets of pencils for the toddlers and for the special kids she brought a lot of stuff too. Nicole had a lot of useful things for the project at her home and brought white and green balloons to decorate the party. They did a couple of tours and helped at the party! Thanks to each one of you for so much love!

Birthdays:



FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS Jean Pier, Damaris and Elias!

Godmother Katrien Heleu gave some extra money, so we could buy Elias the backpack he had asked for.

Party = play, disguise, face painting and candy!

Visitors staying at Oye LENA for a longer period of time organized a big party when they left: we destroyed a piñata, played games, dance,... Like in every Oye Lena party: the kids were allowed to play dress-up and get face paint; there is nothing they love more!! And at the end of a day full of joy, they got some ice cream, cake, sweets or something else. At Oye LENA we believe you can never party too much! ;)



Short messages:

A lot of godfathers and mothers sent us some extra money for a New Year's gift. Because the kids already got something nice for Christmas we decided to hand over the presents in February.

Thanks to ex volunteer Laura and her grandfather Fons Peeters Asiri received a set of Plasticine, Jhoncito a spiderman doll and David a backpack.



Thanks to Rita Bergen, Warre and Ebe David got a backpack and Damaris shoes and clothes.



Janeth was given a box of Lego! Thank you Natalie Lammens, Jorre and Jitte.

For her birthday godmother and ex volunteer Elisa Raes got Liset a nice present so they could celebrate this day together! ☺ A nice sweater she seems to love!



26/02 Student Charline develops a workshop series

Charline is a final-year student at KDG university college in Antwerp. She is doing her final internship at Oye LENA and has to work out a project as a part of it. She chose to organize different workshops about topics/problems that we deal with at the project (Down syndrome, reactive attachment disorder, sign language, cerebral palsy). This workshops will be given to all target groups (volunteers, employees at the orphanage, parents, brothers and sisters).

The first workshop about reactive attachment disorder was held for the volunteers. Clariza, one of our students with cerebral palsy, is suffering from this.

Volunteers come and go

After 9 months we had to say goodbye to our favorite couple: the German Emma Schneider and the Italian Alessio Vecchiato. A goodbye that was not easy for the kids, nor for the organisation. Both of them were so motivated and passionate about the project, that their absence will be noticed for sure. We wish them all the best for the future, in Germany, Italy or whichever country they end up having a lot of babies! ;) We will all miss you very much! <3

We also said goodbye to the Australian Japanese Alex Clissold! Alex discovered that except for management working with children is one of his qualities. He was extremely dedicated and the kids loved him being at the project. When he will have finished his studies in Lima next year, he is planning on visiting again and we hope he keeps his promise! Lots of success and see you soon!



IN BELGIUM

Presentation Oye LENA for the communicants of Grimbergen

In the context of a training day for about 70 communicants of Grimbergen different sorts of volunteering were looked at. Oye LENA was one of them. Annelies Brewaeys and Ingrid Vandekelder talked about Oye LENA for the second time. They showed some pictures and told stories, at the end the kids were free to ask questions.

The children were very enthusiastic about the project! Hilde and Ingrid surely convinced a couple of future volunteers...although we will still have to wait patiently for a few more years! Thank you!

The municipality of Holsbeek supports Oye LENA – thanks to Hendrik Vuerinckx

At the beginning of December volunteer Hendrik Vuerinckx went to the end-of-the-year fair of worldshop Holsbeek. The projects they participated in the previous year and got sponsored for by the municipality were presented. Hendrik spoke to councilor Annelies Vander Bracht and some other members of the GROS (Council for development cooperation). In the end they decided to donate 500 euros to Oye LENA. Thank you Hendrik and the municipality Holsbeek.

Short messages:

Femma Zonderschot donated 100 euros to the project. Thank you!

BECOME A GODPARENT

Welcome to our newest godparents..

Paulien Stoffels became Rodrigo's godmother

Hilde Plaetinck, aunt of ex-volunteer Delphine Vandermersch, became godmother of Brith.

BUT OYE LENA IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE GODPARENTS!

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 via e-mail.

Most communication will happen via e-mail in order to keep costs down. Two times a year you will receive regular mail.

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 + the name of your godchild)
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: BE28 06889753 0620 BIC: GKCCBEBB

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!

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).

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

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