

*'Miss, Miss I have a nine for mathematics'  
The complete study center must know  
'Miss, I have never achieved a satisfactory result,  
But now I can do it!'  
All afternoon he walks smiling through our  
study center. That's what we do it for!*

*Anika*



## Newsletter 10, June 2012

**Dear supporters, friends and family,**

Just returned from a short visit to the Netherlands I end up directly into the upcoming winter in the Andes. It is very cold and only when the sun shines the temperature becomes acceptable. We have worked hard during the recent months to realise the opening of our study center in the new location, but also to get our budget closed. And dear friends, despite the crisis, again we can again rely on a great support from our beautiful country The Netherlands! We think it is very special, and we are immensely grateful that we can continue our valuable and necessary work here in Cusco. In this newsletter we like to inform you about our latest activities. Enjoy reading!



### Inmenszo in Cusco

#### Students

The students have finished the academic year 2011 in December. We closed the year with a wonderful meeting that is organized every year by the foundation HoPe. Our students gave a



presentation with dance, singing and cabaret. A very special reunion so close in advance of the summer holidays.

We are proud to the youngsters that finisher their study, six in total. Unfortunately four of them had to stop their study before the end of the year. The others will go on and we start in February 2012 with 38 students that will continue their study.

Most of our students have suffered from domestic violence, neglect, alcohol- and sexual abuse Besides studying we pay a lot of attention to the personal development and the problems they experience.

In November and may we organized 2-day workshops with the themes 'how to become a better person', 'alcohol and drug addictions' and 'self-confidence and leadership'. These workshops will be organized during the weekends while all students are internal. Besides the intensive hours during the workshops, we also create space for sport and game activities.



In the workshop 'how to become a better person' the psychologist had made a song that was to be sung together; many students had tears in their eyes. We know the difficulties the students have with certain aspects in their lives and hope that these workshops will contribute to the improvement of their conditions and the growth of their confidence.

### Cultural study center Yachay Wasi

Like last year we managed the study center Yachay Wasi together with foundation Inca Educa. The housing was not optimal and because of the large number of children that were registered, we were forced to stop the registration in October 2011. For strategic and economic reasons Inca Educa unfortunately had to decide to stop the project in November. We really did regret this decision, but we did not want to give up this valuable project and Inmenszo took full responsibility to continue this study center.



We needed to find a new housing and we succeeded: In the same area we found a suitable housing. We proposed the existing team to continue their work and without any doubt they confirmed that they wanted to continue. Our coordinator Eliana Ponce is a great leader and motivates both staff and children to make progress. Mid-February, right after school holidays, with our team we started preparations for the new location to open. It was very hard working and with result: on the 1st of



March, we opened our doors! Cultural Study Center Yachay Wasi made its relaunch. And the new housing offers a better and nicer place to the children than the previous property.

At the opening, the president of the district personally came along to congratulate us and offered to help us and the parents where possible

So together we create a better and sustainable future!



We were happy to welcome a supporter from industry and a volunteer from the Netherlands in March and April. They both were very enthusiastic about our approach of the study center. Our volunteer did a great gesture and donated a TV to the center. We are extremely happy with the TV because we needed it and it will be used in several workshops.

### Queens day at the Dutch Consulate

Also Queens day in Peru! Especially abroad the Dutch show their roots and on special days all the orange wardrobes and accessories are taken out of the closet. This year our consul in Cusco made it a real festivity and all the Dutch people received a warm welcome to celebrate this day.

In addition, he invited two foundations to make a short presentation about their work; one of them was Inmenszo. It was a nice and interesting evening!



### Inmenszo in the Netherlands

#### 5 years Inmenszo



Like it was yesterday I remember the establishment of the Foundation Inmenszo. And today we already exist for 5 years, that means time for a cheerful celebration and a presentation about all that we did in Cusco during the past 5 years.

Als de dag van gisteren herinner ik mij de oprichting van Stichting Inmenszo. En nu bestaan we al 5 jaar, tijd voor een feestelijke borrel en een presentatie over wat er de

afgelopen 5 jaar allemaal is gebeurd in Cusco.

Early February we celebrated this festive fact with our administration, volunteers, sponsors and friends in lounge restaurant Hipper, that sponsored this celebration. On behalf of all the children who we could help to get started during the past 5 years, Inmenszo thanked everyone for the unconditional support!

## Fundraising

With great gratitude we like to mention again a number of organizations that support our work in Cusco:

Join!forkids: They do fundraising at companies, schools and individuals and they do so only for the small children-projects audited and approved by themselves. They guarantee the reliability of all charities that have their certification.

They will support 5 students through a scholarship and will make the dream come true of a number of children in our study center.



Louisa Foundation: *provides financial assistance to children who are not entitled to the Universal Rights of the Child. Supported are small-scale, short-term projects aimed at sustainable improvement of the living conditions and opportunities for underprivileged children, based on humanitarian principles.*

We had already received support from them but because we had to restart study center and also wanted to provide training to the children in the mornings, we contacted them again. Due to the great mediation of the "Loge Orde en Vlijt" in Gorinchem and satisfaction with the process and reporting of Inmenszo, we again received a wonderful donation from them this year!

The Ladies of the Long Table: A wonderful initiative by a lady from Gorinchem who organizes a monthly informal gathering for enterprising, inspiring ladies while enjoying a snack and drink. A requirement to participate is that each person donates 10 euro's for charity. Each month they choose a different organization and this month it was Inmenszo. A great fun evening with a wonderful contribution! Thank you all!

Thanks to all the donations we receive from you and from them we can continue our work in Cusco and improve the life of a child in a disadvantaged position.

Thanks to everyone who has a bit for a better and sustainable world!

## Millennium Development Goals in the picture



On the 12th of May the City of Gorinchem organized a fun and interesting afternoon at the Nature Center in the Gijs van Andel Park, together with a number of foundations that operate from Gorinchem. Attention was paid to the Millennium Development Goals established by the United Nations. These goals concern, among other on poverty, environment and education. Films were shown and there was a debate.

## Corporate social responsibility in Focus: TEGÉTÈL

A new section in our newsletter. We would like to give our sponsors a chance to tell why they actually support our work in Cusco. We listen to telecoms specialist TEGÉTÈL, commercial director Martin van Leeuwen: *"I think that as a company we have a responsibility to give back something to society. We do this in on several way in our region. With Inmenszo we play a minor role at an international level. The work done by the people of Inmenszo is great of course. With a small budget there are fantastic results. As a former colleague we follow Anika closely. A few times a year we meet each other and we discuss the current situation. I experience this as very positive. You feel involved and notice that money is well spent."*

### **Finally....**

I wish you a wonderful summer! I know that the good weather has been delayed and that the economic crisis may be heavy, but dear friends there really are so many beautiful things that seems obvious to us. A warm home, living together, eating, culture, work ... but many here in Peru miss that, they want to get forward but have no access to the resources.

When I leave the building of our study center yesterday, I am still amazed, but also proud that we



have been able to achieve this together. The children who come every day to realize their dreams, to improve their future ... that's what we do it for!

In words I can not capture how they do their best to get ahead and their gratitude every day: a warm hug, a word of thanks or a beautiful drawing! These thanks are also for you, our unconditional supporters!

*Kind regards,*

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