

I can not change life,

I can change someone's life

Anika

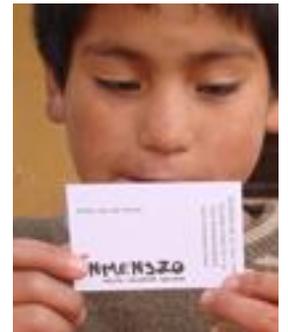
Newsletter 3, June 2008

Dear supporters, family and friends,

Here it is; the third newsletter of Inmenszo. Due to the overload of work and the practical activities I did in Cusco the last 8 months, I was only able to keep you up to date via my weblog and the 'Gorcumse Courant'. I regret that, and that is why I am very pleased to provide you now with some more information about Inmenszo.

Inmenszo is growing, the children are growing up!

Inmenszo has increased from 15 youngsters to 70. We help and assist these 70 youngsters in several ways to get them to live independently and create a worthy life. We do not only grow in terms of size, but Inmenszo's children also grow up and gain life experience.



Inmenszo in Cusco, the city of the Incas

Since November last year we helped and assisted youngsters with finding a suitable job, traineeship or study. Together with them we visited many schools, organizations and institutions. Besides this we offered during the holiday period cultural activities to the youngsters. These activities all have the aim to show the youngsters the importance of doing a study or having a job and motivate and stimulate in this. For a specific group of youngsters we appointed a teacher in Arts. The enthusiasm and effusiveness of the children during his classes is unrivalled. The drawings and art they made together is unbelievably beautiful.

Together with 18 youngsters we made a trip to the city of Arequipa, in the south of Peru. We visited a monastery and went a day to a close by beach for some relaxation. For most of the adolescents it was the first time in their life seeing the sea. For both me and them it was an unforgettable experience.

We also appointed an illusionist who gave a spectacular show at several of our projects. The children found the show amazing and were able to forget their sorrows and miseries for a while. Especially the interaction between the disabled children of the 'Salud Mental' project and the illusionist, was amazing.

Furthermore we searched for a suitable location to open a lunchroom with education possibilities. Here we could offer the youngsters our own trainee programs or traineeships. Two weeks before I would go back to the Netherlands someone offered us a good location. A beautifully renovated, old mansion; a very interesting place. This building will be rebuilt into a tourist shop selling fair trade products, with a little lunchroom in it. At this moment, we are busily engaged in calculating the financial effects of this possible investment. In a few months, when being back in Cusco, we will have more extensive contact with the owners of this building. Will a dream come true maybe?



Inmenszo and its projects

Inmenszo has started several long-term projects and supports various running projects:

Get togethers of youngsters

Once a month the youngsters meet together with a coordinator of Inmenszo. We have appointed a coordinator who works fulltime for us, and assists them in their daily lives. Think about their education, jobs, traineeships and daily activities. Since January 1st we also contracted, together with the 'SpelendeWijs' foundation, a psychologist. He takes time for every youngster to talk about their lives and possible problems they have to cope with. If needed, the psychologist and the adolescent together make a plan how to improve their quality of life. As a result, we notice an increase in the self-confidence of the youngsters. We are very happy with that fact. All study, do a traineeship or work.

The Teenage mother Project



A considerable problem in the Peruvian culture is that girls get pregnant at a very early age and because of that get repudiated by their family. Also, schools do not accept them because they see them as defamation and they are afraid that they would give the wrong example to other children. Thus, the girls lose the opportunity of getting good education. Since January 1st Inmenszo supports the Teenage mother Project for 50 percent, together with the 'Inca Educa' Foundation. In this way eighteen young mothers get the chance to follow education while care is taken of their babies. Some time ago I asked a young mother "How did your childbirth go, were there any complications maybe?" She said "To be honest it was a horrible experience, Anika. But you know what, I can share my feelings with the girls in class and if I study well in the future I may help other girls with giving birth to their children."

Charitable nights

Together with the bars Real McCoy, Indigo and Tres Mundos we have organized three theme nights; a cocktail night, a Latin night and a typical Dutch Queens day night. During these nights the youngsters served drinks and food and promoted Inmenszo and its projects. The boys collected a huge amount of 950 soles due to their good work. At the end of the year they may decide themselves what we will do with the money. They are really looking forward to it.



A final remark

We as Inmenszo would like to thank you a thousand times. We are very grateful with the warm donations, enthusiasm and spirit you gave us. We could not exist without you. You are the ones that create our and the youngsters' opportunities. I, Anika, would like to wish you a wonderful summer and hope to see you before I leave another time to Peru. Right now I am organizing a sponsor night; I will give you more information about that later on. For the ones that will go on holiday; enjoy every minute!

Love, Anika

Tip: When organizing a little get together, anniversary or business party please think about Inmenszo. The youngsters in Cusco will appreciate your help and will be very grateful.

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