

'You are never on your own

because our heart is large and loving'

Anika!

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Dear supporters, family and friends,

Months fly by and while I am going to inform you about our last 6 months in Peru, we are busy making new plans and preparing a budget for 2011. Turbulent months in the Netherlands without a government. Many waiting for a new government which is formed finally in October 2011. A surprising combination which causes commotion, questions, uncertainties and cutbacks. Our wonderful cultural activities are diminished and so are developing-aid projects. We had to take a step back as well, but the orphan children and youngsters have just taken a step in the right direction towards a decent and independent existence. We are not going to abandon them now!



Inmenszo in Cusco

Students, scholarship and co-ordinator

Since March 2010, our new co-ordinator, Richar Salavaldez, has been supporting our youngsters in a project for 20 hours per week. He offers counselling, advice and assesses the school or home situation of our youngsters. He is a very punctual and accurate worker and we are all very happy that he has joined us. This year, he has supported about 45 youngsters in their activities. In the months to come, 12 youngsters will complete their studies and they are all prepared by Richar to enter the job market.

Recently, 9 children from an orphanage have been added to group. To begin with, they are participating in our programme by being present in the monthly youth meetings and workshops. This way, we will be able to observe them for some time. When they leave secondary school, we will be able to accompany them in their possibilities with regard to studies.

As of 2011, we will adapt the programme in some ways by supporting the children towards a part-time job by means of a specialized training for 3 to 6 months. When they get the job, they are able to apply for a (part-time) scholarship. This way, we stimulate the youngsters not to be dependent on us too much. They learn to take their own responsibility and to stand on their own two feet.

Youth weekends in Urubamba

This year, we have organised two weekends (in May and September) during which four groups of youngsters stayed in a boarding school in Urubamba for a weekend. We have learned that these weekends are very important, not only because we discuss different themes under the supervision of a psychologist but also that youngsters are able to exchange their experiences. Most young people only see each other in the weekly or monthly meetings and in such a weekend. During informal moments, friendship and trust is created.

The themes that were discussed in a dynamic way by our psychologist consisted this time of:

- Friendships, assertive communication, affection and dealing with your emotions.
- Being in love, love as part of our personal development.
- Getting to know yourself, expectations, obligations and goals in life.
- How to work with an agenda, how to establish priorities, time management, tasks at work and within your family.

About 80 people from different youth groups participated in this weekend (San Isidro, Villa Maria, Racchi and Waykis).



Cultural centre Yachay Wasi

In our latest newsletter of March 2010, we already mentioned that we were going to open a cultural study centre in one of the disadvantaged areas, San Sebastian in Cusco. In April, we opened our doors and initially, we co-operated with one school with which we entered into an agreement. They were very enthusiastic and our classes with mathematics and language filled up



very quickly. The creative lessons were less popular. In the course of the first semester, the amount of pupils decreased. We investigated this fact to list what adaptations we had to make in our plans. We find ourselves in the middle of the second semester at this moment and the library is crowded. We have opened the centre for all schools in the environment. Especially younger children, between 8 and 13 years old, visit our centre. The need for this centre is obvious as was also mentioned during our parents' evening. Many parents do not have the time, knowledge or means to help their children with their homework. We provide possibilities for this need but we would also like to help the children from age 14 and up. At this moment, we are listing reasons why they hardly

make use of this centre at the moment. Based on this list, we will make a plan for 2011.

Inmenszo in the Netherlands

The annual gathering in theatre De Nieuwe Doelen

This year, our annual gathering, during which we invite our donors and friends of the Inmenszo foundation to thank them for their unconditional support and inform them of our projects, was offered to us by theatre de Nieuwe Doelen and Broodkapje. While the guests had something to eat and drink, I told them about the progress of the project in Cusco and expressed my concern about the crisis and the economy measures on foreign aid. I explained to the people present that we need the support of our donors to continue our work with the disadvantaged, neglected youngsters. Hélène Lakmaaker of Gallery Westwagenstraat auctioned a couple of fine pieces of art. Part of the proceeds will be donated to our projects.

Junior chamber organizes beer party

In October, traditional beer festivals are held everywhere and this year, a beer party was held in Gorinchem! The Junior chamber organized a large beer party Buiten de Waterpoort. Beer was not the only item that was sold that evening, you could also take part in a lottery... The proceeds of that lottery were donated to our organisation. Fantastic, we received a cheque of Euro 1,000.- from the chairman, Meindert Wiesenekker.

The end of action Andes bread

Last year, Bakker Bas sold a very delicious loaf of bread called the Andres bread! Part of the proceeds would be donated to our foundation. The end of the action took place on Saturday, October 16 with a very successful day in shopping mall the Piazza centre because we nearly sold 400 breads. We received a wonderful cheque from Bakker Bas of Euro 1,100.- Bakker Bas is a fresh bakery with his heart in the right place!



Christmas boxes, you can order them now!

It is customary for many people to thank each other with a lovely Christmas box or Christmas gift during the holidays each year. If you are well disposed towards disadvantaged children and young people in Peru, then you could order a Christmas box at Inmenszo. It is becoming more and more difficult for us to take care of our financial matters, but we are filling to fight for it. We hope that you will fight along with us, despite all uncertainties and worries, to establish a well-balanced existence for everyone! The young people here in Cusco deserve it. They wish you all a beautiful December month! I would like to say that I heartily agree with them and I wish you all the best!

Warm greetings,

Anika

Tip: consider a gift to Inmenszo if you have a celebration, anniversary or reception at your company. If you would like to organize an action, please contact us by mailing to: info@inmenszo.com or call our secretarial office at: +31-653 535 095

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