

'You may dream of a better world.

I dream of it and take you along

in my dream that is called Inmenszo!'

Anika!

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Dear supporters, family and friends,

It is spring 2011 and I have just returned from the Netherlands after a stay of three months with a lot of sunny days, it was such nice weather! It was a long time ago that I stayed in the Netherlands for such a long time and I was really glad to meet you and talk to many of you again. I have given several presentations and have done my best to acquire new donors. It is clear that you get used to some things and circumstances if you see them every day. You seem to forget reality if you have lived in prosperity for three months. When I leave in the morning to go to the airport in Lima to fly to Cusco, I see neglected and hungry people sleeping in the street. When I go shopping, I walk alongside a mother clasping a baby to her breast while sleeping and an exhausted man who has found a place to sleep at the corner of a playground. Peru is developing economically but at the same time, the inequality is growing as well. Back to reality in Cusco...

Inmenszo in Cusco

Students

As I have already mentioned in our newsletter of November, 12 students have concluded their study in 2010. Of these 12 students, 10 have found a job rather quickly and we are proud to share these beautiful results with you:

- Clemente Medina and Ruben Cruz both work as a car mechanic after concluding their study mechanics and car engineering.
- Hirbin Mayta and Rosmel Conde both work in a restaurant after concluding their study gastronomy.
- Sadam Carazas works at a travel agency and Ricardo Quintanilla on the airport after concluding their study tourism.
- Gumercindo Quispe works at an architectural firm after his education interior design.
- Gaby Palacios is now a graduated nurse and works in a clinic.
- Juana Pullca has studied administration for the countryside and works at the city hall in Urubamba.
- Junior Zapata has become a guide after concluding his study for official guide in tourism.



From the 45 young people we have supported during their study in 2010, 13 will continue their education. There were only 2 students who dropped out. We have started the new year and up to now, 7 students have signed up.

New co-ordinator

Just before I left to the Netherlands in February of this year, our co-ordinator Richar Salavaldez resigned. He was offered a full-time job and as a result, he was no longer able to fulfil his part-time job with us. We were very sorry to hear that because we were very satisfied with his work. For the young people he supported, it was also hard because we had to introduce them to another co-ordinator who could support them after the summer holiday as of March, 2011. We are very pleased to announce that an ex-colleague, Maria M. Saavedre Damian, supervisor in one of our orphan homes, was willing to take over. Maria has the advantage that she knows many children as a result of her job in the orphan home San Judas. This makes the transition to yet another co-ordinator not so difficult. She has started her activities in March. We have recently evaluated her first few months and we are very pleased with the activities she has performed. The boys and girls were able to build up a relationship of mutual trust in those couple of months. She monitors and checks the youngsters who participate in the scholarship programme.

Christmas dinner 2010

Due to a lack of budget, we were not able to arrange an excursion this year but we offered the youngsters a Christmas dinner. After a beautiful closing of Christmas with singing and dancing in the morning, performed by several children and youngsters, there was a wonderful Christmas dinner in the evening, prepared by an ex-student and restaurant owner, Alfred of Andean Food. After a year of working and/or studying hard, it was now time to relax.



Cultural study centre Yachay Wasi

In the year 2010, the centre was a 'pilot' project and we have concluded that there is an enormous need for help with regard to assistance in making homework for the children in San Sebastian, a disadvantaged area in Cusco. We focussed on young people around 15 years old but the children who used the centre the most were between 8 and 13 years old. The first semester, 112 pupils registered and in the second semester even 180. We received many positive reactions from parents and schools about children who really made significant progress. In addition to this, understanding for the home situation increased because parents and children were not dependent on each other anymore for making homework. In many cases, parents do not understand the homework of their children or are too tired after a day of work on the land or in the factory. In March 2011, we made a fresh start and about 100 pupils were registered up until now. In the beginning of May, we moved into another building, still in San Sebastian but close to the San Jeronimo and as a result, new pupils registered with us. The creative lessons such as painting, theatre and making radio are filled up as well now. In order to reach young people from the age of 15 and over, we organize informative meetings at the schools where they also have their lessons.



Inmenszo in the Netherlands

Presentations

During my stay in the Netherlands, I try to acquaint people with Inmenszo. This time, in addition to visiting existing and new donors, I have also organized presentations, for instance with the Emmaus foundation in Gouda who are really supportive since then. This is the organisation behind the shop specialized in recycled goods. The revenue of their sale is donated to a good cause. The volunteers of this organisation have donated a wonderful gift to Inmenszo twice already. Thank you very much!

The action that the Da Vinci Learning Park in Dordrecht created with their pupils was a lot of fun as well. After a presentation about our activities in Peru, the pupils formed groups and had to create an action of their own. They received Euro 5.- from the school and they had to increase this amount themselves. Every group had to come up with an original action to gain as much money as possible. They make a useful contribution to pupils their own age in Peru, a nice gesture!

Action by Kiwanis Club in Zeeuws Vlaanderen

When people visit Cusco, most of the times they realize 'how fortunate they are to live in the Netherlands' and then they like to do something for the people here. That was exactly what happened to Jan en Bas Lievens, chairman of the Kiwanisclub and his son. They came up with the idea to create an action for four organisations in Cusco and collect money this way. Inmenszo is one of the four organisations, take a look on www.basecusco.blogspot.com for more information!

Benefit concert with 3 orchestras!

Musical association Symphonia from Hoogblokland would like to contribute to our foundation and they will organize a benefit concert in co-operation with musical associations from Vuren and Arkel. This concert will take place in Vuren on June 25 at 20:00 hrs. The entire proceeds will be donated to our projects in Peru! You will enjoy a lovely evening, filled with music and the children will receive a helping hand!

Finally...

While you are heading for the summer holidays, we have just started the school year for 3 months. New students will register who we would like to help along but we can only do this with your support! At this moment, we are looking for support for:

Darwin, currently attending secondary school and for just Euro 9.- per month, 30 cents a day, he will be able to go to school. Hirbin is studying international gastronomy and for Euro 25.- a month, he will be able to complete this study. However, Eliana and Hambert are also looking for support for a year. Are you willing to help them or would you like to know more about the possibilities how this can be achieved, please contact us on: info@inmenszo.com. We would like to thank you in advance!

All kids and myself wish you a beautiful summer, hopefully as good as last spring! We hope you have read this news about us with pleasure and would like to thank you once again for all the support we have received from the Netherlands! We wish you a pleasant summer!

Sunny 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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