



Chicuchas Wasi

THE CHILDRENS PROJECT

Alternative School for Girls • Cusco, Peru



Dear Friends, This is for you. Our CW 2014 Newsletter gives you a quick look at this year's student accomplishments....

Deep GRATITUDE is what I feel writing this year's overview for you, for an extraordinary year for Chicuchas Wasi students. The Cusco teachers, students and the California team are thrilled with CW's academic success. AND because of YOUR help the operating budget was raised on time this year.

WE DID IT TOGETHER!

by Rae Lewis, President and Founder

THANK YOU from 105 Chicuchas Wasi girls

The first 4 months of the 2014 CW school were filled with special formal activities, such as: the swearing in of the School Municipality, International Women's Day and creating CW's plan to protect the environment with school projects. Academic planning with the teachers is carried out every January and updated at monthly staff meetings.

The monthly Sunday parent class has a new updated educational focus we unveiled for parents. "We hold these classes because we must know our CW parents well and make them good partners in the educational process." - Ruth Uribe, School Director. They benefit on many levels as well.

Experiential learning of the many subjects we teach is well integrated into our curriculum with outstanding results. An example is Cusco's Inti Raymi Cultural Celebration where our students created and presented theater about this history, made their costumes out of recycled materials, and researched their ancestors in order to dramatize the whole event. Their level of oral expression with the narrative and all the preparation was magnificent. All CW students from 4 years (kindergarten) to 6th grade participated.



Medical evaluations of each girl at the start of this school year in March revealed that many students returned to school after summer vacation dangerously anemic from poor nutrition. We quickly added more meat, beans, vitamins and other protein sources to the daily meal program. I am glad to report that within two months the girls had improved.

We have started a vegetable garden and plan to add a greenhouse to supply our kitchen with quality food for our meal program. Animal production will increase soon with chickens, guinea pigs (traditional food), and eggs to provide the protein source needed to maintain good health.

Our school van has been a major problem the last few months, breaking down at the most inconvenient times. Three trips

each morning and afternoon to deliver our students safely to and from school have taken a toll on this vehicle. The road is still not repaired as promised by the mayor of San Sebastian, a Cusco suburb, where our school is located. Big chuck holes made by large trucks during the heavy rains make the roads nearly impassable and really beat up our van. We are blessed with a skilled and loyal mechanic who shows up wherever we are broken down and will stay even by flashlight to get the repairs done. So we remain in operation and the school has not missed a day due to lack of transportation for the students -so far. But Ruth tells me we need another 21 seat van to share the transportation with less wear and tear on them both each day. A big school bus will not do well on our roads. So for 2015 this is on the top of our wish list.



This is our BIG problem child. Our only School transportation is broken down again.

What do we spend your donations on?

- Quality primary school education
- Focus on student values, self-esteem, confidence, honesty, integrity, respect, loyalty, hygiene and dreams
- English, Quechua and Spanish classes
- Art, theater, dance
- Daily nutritious meals
- Safe transportation to and from school
- School uniforms, books and supplies
- Promoting family and community awareness of the value of education for girls.
- Medical and dental care

All free to every CW student!
CW is empowering girls for a life of equality, dignity, respect and economic independence.

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In May, CW had a wonderful Mother's day celebration and it was highlighted when last year's graduating class appeared with some of their mothers to celebrate with CW and tell us of their successes in high school. They have been honored as the highest achievers by the high school they now attend. They are great CW examples in all aspects: educational, behavioral, and especially the spirit of leadership they bring from years at CW school. What an honor for them - the same girls once told they were not smart enough to learn because they are girls. What a big win for our CW girls and the CW school.

In June we received a rare token of respect from the Ministry of Education with a donation of some educational toys for the kindergarten classes and several boxes of books for the older girls. Both were appreciated and needed at the school, but we are still hoping for the teacher salaries - denied for the last 17 years.

On September 19, we celebrated Chicuchas Wasi's 27th anniversary with student competitions and awards for: academics-mathematics, dance choreography, theater and costumes, student poems and more. The girls all participated and were voted on by the entire school. Parents and guests looked on with pride at all the top achievements of their girls.

ON October 2, Lake in the Hills Rotary Club, from Illinois, USA visited Cusco painted a portion of our 6 foot tall adobe wall surrounding the school grounds with a mural for the school. It is not completed so the photos will have to wait for a bit longer.

Visit CW website to learn more & to DONATE

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Class is in session and all are paying attention.



CW school van is tired but without it... no class that day



CW students learn history by creating a theatrical presentation to honor the Inca History during Inti Raymi. Students made all costumes, researched the history and created the play.

This holiday season is coming fast...

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you can shop & Help CW?

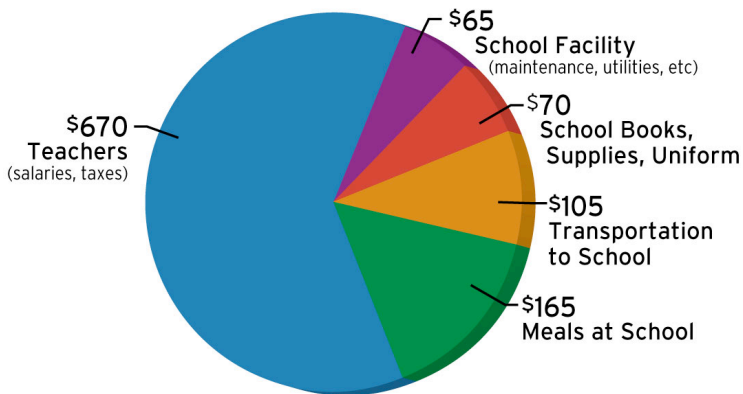
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Costs to provide supplies and services for our girls at Chicuchas Wasi School

- \$25 will provide one student with a Chicuchas Wasi School uniform
- \$45 will provide one Chicuchas Wasi School student with school books and supplies for an entire year
- \$70 will provide one student with school books, school supplies, and a Chicuchas Wasi School uniform for an entire year
- \$105 will provide one student with transportation to Chicuchas Wasi School for an entire year
- \$165 will provide one student with all her Chicuchas Wasi School meals for an entire year
- \$1,075 will provide one student with a Chicuchas Wasi School education for an entire year

How Can You Help?

Sponsor a CW girl for her entire school year with your recurring monthly donation of \$90!



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Per Student Expense Breakdown (\$1,075 per year each)

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Mission Statement

Chicuchas Wasi School for Girls provides quality primary education and promotes gender equality, self-esteem, and human dignity for the marginalized indigenous girls of rural Cusco, Peru. With the CW education and skills the girls are empowered to become economically independent. They become important role models and leaders for the next generation of CW students. Our parent classes focus on helping the students family to understand the value of educating their daughters. The importance of family support is emphasized and families learn more effective communication skills that help to deter domestic violence against women and girls.



The CW staff; our 8 teachers, 2 cooks, 1 secretary and Administration.

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Your continued support insures we can continue to provide free education to these girls.

The Giving season has begun is here. Please think of our students this year and put aside a little to give the gift of EDUCATION for GIRLS.

We can provide the tax deduction so helpful at the end of the tax year.

Always Grateful, We wish you Joy, Appreciation, Love, Affection with Lights & Bells at family gatherings to celebrate your good fortune.

Blessings to us all, every one. We wish you and yours a very happy Holiday Season.

