

Kallpanchis, 2014

Kallpanchis is a library or after school care, situated in a less-favoured area of the city of Cusco in Peru. Children and young students in the age of 5 till 20 come to make their homework and to get some extra classes in Spanish and English language and mathematics. Children can use school supplies and they have a lot of books to their disposition. They also can use computers and Internet.

In 2014, the program has experienced a major change in organization. The evaluation in 2013 showed that the program met its objective: to support and guide children in making their homework. But at the same time the staff of the HoPe Foundation believed that the program needed to be run in a more professional way. Still too many children just came to play or run around. The short period children spend in Kallpanchis could and should be used in a more efficient way.



Teacher Carla Lorotupa helps one of the children with his schoolwork

In 2014 a new coordinator for the program was contracted. Maribel Espinoza is teacher primary education. In 2014 Maribel reached to level up the program in Kallpanchis. First change is not receiving children younger than 5 years old, children that just came to play. Kallpanchis does not have facilities to give attention to this group of children.

The little children needed to much attention of the teachers, attention they could not give to the children who needed help with their homework.

- Maribel introduced new forms to administrate the assistance of the children, their school results, behaviour in the program, participation of the parents etcetera.
- In 2014 we started to ask a small contribution of the parents. Parents payed 5 Peruvian Sol (1,95 Canadian dollar) a month. In 2014 we still did not accomplish very strictly the payment. Some families just were used to get free service in the program,

for others families the contribution of 5 soles (per family) is too much. Any way, in 2015 all the families, users of the program will have to pay a small contribution to use the program. Many times “free” means “bad” and people don not take the program seriously.

The teachers working in Kallpanchi, do run a special program on mathematics and (Spanish) language. Besides the help children get in making their homework, children get extra classes in both subjects. In general children in Peru have very low results in mathematics and Spanish language, extra classes help them to better their results.

Independent reading

- In 2014 was introduced the reading corner in Kallpanchis. The program stimulates children to read books. After finishing reading the book children tell (or write) what they have been reading, what the



story was about, who were the protagonists in the story etcetera. Reading comprehension in Peru is still very low; most children do not understand what they are reading. The Reading Corner helps children to read independently and understand what they are reading. In 2014 Kallpanchis could buy a large number of reading books for children and young people in the age of 5 to 20 years old.

- Together with English speaking students, learning Spanish in Cusco, we started a program for English classes. In Peru children get English classes at school, at high school English is a compulsory subject, anyway in general Peru doesn't have good English teachers so the level of education is very low. Children and especially students of high school are very glad with the English classes in Kallpanchis.
- From September until December Kallpanchis had the support of a Dutch volunteer, Cindy is teacher at primary school in the Netherlands and helped the teachers in Kallpanchis all around.



Results 2014

The results of the new policy are very positive. There is a better and quieter atmosphere in the rooms of Kallpanchis. All over Kallpanchis children and young students are working in a harmonious place. Children who need direct support in making their homework get the attention they need. All the children get some extra classes in language and mathematics. Nearly all the children get better school results.

Asking a small contribution from the parents did not affect the assistance of the children, every day we had between 40 and 50 children and young students visiting the program.

Spending for Kallpanchis 2014 in Canadian dollar

School supplies, books	2,036.20
Water, Electra, maintenance	968.15
Computers (incl. Internet)	1,093.31
Teachers	9.273,95
Total	13,371.61



Thanks for your collaboration to this important program.

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