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TO ALL MEMBERS

Hi everybody! We're back from Peru and we've got a lot to tell you, so much that we'll need to "divide the story" in several Newsletters, this first one is a bit of a general overview. The seven weeks at the children center were great and we had the chance to experience a lot: the new school is open and everybody is so proud and happy about the results.

NEWS! CALENDAR AND CARDS

While we were in Huamachuco we took a lot of pictures and we decided to make both a 2007-calendar and 5 different cards, which we'll sell here in Norway (but we can send them to all of you as well...). We already sold quite a few to friends and family and we'll have a little stand at some small markets here in Oslo, so we're confident we'll gather some money with this little project.

2007-calendar A4 2 sides
 (6 months on each side)



Cards (14cm x 10 cm)

Calendar: € 7,50
 Cards: € 1,50

PACKAGE:
1 calendar +
5 cards: € 12,50

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All incomes from the sale of calendar and cards will go to the children at Marcelino in Peru.

The first picture is of Eduardo's small feet, Eduardo is a 4-years-old who loves to be taken pictures of. He was covered with flea bites, itching a lot, but he was smiling just as much. His 19-years-old sister has been a student at *Marcelino*, but now she's home taking care of her 1-year-old daughter.

The beautiful baby is Natali (2-months-old), her sister Mariel (9-years-old) goes at *Marcelino* two afternoons a week. Their mum sometimes works in the kitchen at *Marcelino*, making food for all the children.

The proud old lady is Natali's and Mariel's grandmother, which was glad to pose for us with one of the other seven grandsons: this is their family, after both dad and grandfather died, and they live in a 2-rooms-house with no electricity or water, only one table and a chair, and they sleep on the floor covered with some blankets. Grandma sell potatoes at the local market.

The mud-brick-house with hanging clothes is Oda's house. She's 11-years-old and she lives there with her family. Oda's house is one of the nicest homes of the children coming to *Marcelino*.

The last picture is of Jamer's mother and little brother. Jamer is 8-years-old and comes to *Marcelino* twice a week, when he's not working.

WHAT HAVE THE DONATIONS FROM 2005-2006 BEEN USED FOR?

Thanks to great help and generosity from several members we were able to bring four big bags to Peru, with 100 Kg. (!) of children clothes, shoes and a lot of toys and Teddy-bears. In Huamachuco they did not have a proper place for all these clothes, so Tina, Ilaria (an Italian nurse) and Giuseppe (an Italian carpenter) cleaned up a room and redecorated it with shelves, tables and even a little changing room: it looks great and the children love it. Most of the clothes and toys will be distributed for Christmas, so that the children will have a present to open, but a few things have already been given to some families with very special needs. Those are family living in conditions defined as “extreme poverty”, this means that the whole family has only 1 US\$ a day to survive with. We say *survive* because 1 US\$ for 5-8 persons (this is an average family size in rural areas in Peru) is only enough to survive, not to live. Unfortunately there are many families in this situation in this area of Peru, and those who are “luckier” can count on about 1 US\$ per person...



Carmela is 8-years-old, her brother is 12. With their mother they walked six hours to come to *Marcelino* to get clothes and food. Carmela got warm boots, 2 sweaters and a nice curly-doll. Her brother got pants, sweater and shoes. They also got some clothes to their 15-years-old brother, 6-years-old sister and 2-years-old brother who could not come to *Marcelino* because they were working in the fields back home. Before they left, they all got lunch at *Marcelino* and they also got several kilos of sugar, flower, rice, oats and lentils.



The pictures on the left show the room with clothes, shoes and toys. The pictures on the right show happy kids, who just received the clothes sent by the many Norwegian friends.

Not all the money collected by *Marcelino Norge* (13000 US\$) have been appointed yet, but the money from Tina's father's funeral will help establish a new project: a traditional weaving-workshop. The income from the sale of all weaving-products (blankets, bags, sweaters, ponchos ...) will go to *Marcelino*, but, on top of this, *Marcelino* will be able to employ a local woman who can teach the children this very traditional craft.

Other expenses covered by *Marcelino Norge* were:

- Professional print of 2000 A4-letter-paper € 54,00
- Professional print of 1000 flyers for the *Marcelino's Office of Human Right* € 75,00
- Professional print of 1000 flyers for the *Proyecto Amigo – Casa Marcelino* € 155,00
- Professional print of 500 calendars and 2500 cards (to be sold in Norway) € 200,00
- Laser printer and toner € 166,00

(we do have receipt for all these expenses)



Flyer for *Proyecto Amigo – Casa Marcelino*

Flyer *Office of Human Rights*

As we wrote in the last Newsletter we believe the staff of *Marcelino* in Peru is the most qualified to take decisions about how the money should be used, because they know the reality and the needs much better than we do, so we accept their decisions and we fully support them. Therefore will the money be used for different things from time to time: pay bills or salary, buy food, school supplies or medicines, buy construction materials or anything else the school and the children should need.

For the first time *Marcelino* will have flyers to promote its job and its goals, to communicate with the local community but also to other organizations, networks or public organs they get in contact with. Tina, as a graphic designer, did work a lot with those flyers (and calendars, cards and letter-paper, of course!) and the result was very nice.

MEMBERS (AS NOVEMBER 2006)

We are now 114 members and we hope you'll continue being with us in 2007, and maybe even give a membership as a Christmas or birthday present to some of your friends or family.

As last year you can pay the fee(s) on *Marcelino Norge* bank account no. **0539 36 94183**.

The price is still the same as last year: **€ 25 for adults and € 12 for childrens**.

Remember to specify "2007 Membership" on the payment-form. *We really hope you'll still be with us in 2007!*

IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER:

... we'll tell you about the wall around the school painted by the children, the "Halloween Party"(!) and about the new school building. Write us if you have any question or any idea for the school!

Thanks again!

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From the wall-painting and the Halloween Party...