

January 2010

- HAPPY 2010!
- CHRISTMAS
- SUMMER SCHOOL
- UPDATES
- JORGE & RICHARD
- LUCAS GETS STRAIGHT A's
- WINDING DOWN
- NEW DIRECTORS

Iquitos news



Happy 2010 to everyone! Our school program ended in mid-Dec. with our x-mas parties with the kids. They were great: home-made Pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey, a bit of magic from Jos and I, chocolate drinks, fruitcake, and PRESENTS... books, cars, dolls, etc. It was a fun end to lots of hard work on their part, not only by coming to school everyday, but by just surviving in their extreme poverty.

This past school year (Mar 09-Dec09) we taught nearly 40 children in our 3 schools and continued to support 40 more from the last years school program. In February we will start buying the children's uniforms, school supplies etc. again, getting them ready for the next school year.

Tomorrow (Jan 5th) we will start up the summer school program for the kids in most need. Those who have not had any previous day care. We already have 80 kids interested.

Dear friends, family and sponsors!

Here are a few updates and highlights. As of Nov. we hired a social worker. Lupe is great, she had been working at the Dutch run orphanage and was outstanding with the kids there. The two boys we tried to get into an orphanage when their Mother abandoned them stayed in school, the Mother has agreed not to leave them alone again. (thanks again for Lupe's help in talking with her) She is now selling little candies to support herself.

Jorge, the deaf child is still going to his special school. We bought him giant, colorful posters filled with pictures and words, so he can begin to learn to read... They are plastered around the house. When we brought them he couldn't stop smiling!! We also bought Richard, his step-brother who has juvenile arthritis a new wheelchair. His old one was an old broken chair and rusted out frame.

More good news Lucas, our neighbor,, brought home his report card and he had straight A's . This is the boy who was abandoned by his parents and then abused by his grandparents. Last year at this time he was a scared little boy who was on the verge of dropping out of school. We are very proud of him.

It is hard to believe but Jos and I are finally coming to our last months here in Peru. We will be leaving in mid March. We have absolutely loved our time here, learning Spanish, working in the Lima shanty towns, surviving the jungle, adopting a dog, building a house, giving English classes, working in an orphanage etc. etc. etc.

But we are happy that we are leaving our project in the hands of two Dutch women who have been living here in Iquitos for years. Yolenthe is the former director of the orphanage we worked at, and Marielle is special education teacher.

Wow this has turned out to be somewhat of a goodbye letter, but we still have two months. Summer school to run, uniforms to buy, kids to visit!

A final big thank you letter will follow... but until then Happy Happy New Year everyone. May it be filled with much joy and peace!

internet:
josedennis.nl

Lots of Love,
Dennis and
Jos

email:
jvechtelt@gmail.com
d_endicott@hotmail.com
if you want to donate:

You can send checks or cash to:
Mr. Dennis Endicott, 1429 SW
Westview Cr. Ankeny, IA. 50023
OR: visit our website and pay through
paypal using your creditcard

