



Chicuchas Wasi

School for Girls • Cusco, Peru

Academic Education • Values • Empowerment • Self-Esteem



*Dear Friends,
Please enjoy as you read and...smile.
Imagine you are these girls; can you
feel how your gift makes them feel? I
hope you feel wonderful about YOUR
participation.*

*Without YOU there would be no
Chicuchas Wasi School and no
education for these 110 GIRLS!*

WE DID IT TOGETHER!

- By Rae Lewis, President & Founder

Thank You, Gracias, Merci, Obrigado, Arigato, Danke

Chicuchas Wasi just celebrated 28 years and we are as shocked as you might be. Where did the years go? When we look at our beautiful school full of red clad girls of all sizes, we realize that we have accomplished so much for the girls we serve. When you do what you love, it doesn't seem like work and time really flies. I have just returned from Cusco where I shared this celebration with Ruth, 110 girls, the entire CW team and now with all of you via our CW newsletter this month. The excitement was high, the music loud and colorful costumes represented the many villages of the Andes. The girls danced, sang and shared their poems with so much love for their Chicuchas Wasi School. It was palpable and we were all full to the brim. Ruth and I looked at each other knowingly and passed the tissue. I am speechless to know how to express the blessings that have been bestowed on our small project that began in 1987 and not so small anymore. So again, I have to bow to you, our faithful supporters who care about our impact on this community to benefit girls education. You never abandoned us even during those financially tough years. You know who you are and you came through. Blessings to you.

Each school year begins when Autumn nears in the southern hemisphere. During February our teachers receive special training that we provide and that the Ministry of Education offers. Annual maintenance to the school is completed. The Parent & daughter interviews began for the 2015 school year enrollment. Selecting the most in need narrows the list immediately as the families with financial means have the public schools where they can send their daughters. School began on March 2 with the following students: 13-4y/o, 14-5y/o, 15-1st grade, 16-2nd grade, 11-3rd grade, 15-4th grade, 10-5th grade, 9-6th grade =105 girls enrolled initially for 2015. We added more later.



Our Accomplishments

Student Health

Our high protein daily meal continues for all students. We added breakfast for 50 girls with no access at home and better health is the result, but we still need to treat 25 girls with iron and vitamin supplements for anemia.

The sheep and guinea pig project to produce protein for our meal program is doing well. We raised for food 3 sheep, and some of the 46 guinea pigs -50% were pregnant. This proved to be cost effective and continues forward.

Our successful dental program covers exams, cleaning and restoration for all of our students and overall their dental health this year is much improved. Oral care and hygiene education is given to all parents and students.

Academics

Ruth is happy to report that 80% of our girls are achieving very well. We count on the support from our parents in many ways, from clearing our access road, keeping the school grounds clean, organizing fundraising

school events to raise money for classroom needs and to help the teachers and more.

We require more effort from our girls from the nearby communities of Malleray and Huilcarpay, since their parents are unable to academically help their girls due to their lack of education. This requires extra work for the teachers to reinforce the material during free time so these girls can complete their homework at school.

Parent Education

Our work to help parents understand and support their daughters education has improved greatly due to our therapeutic talks in small groups for each grade level Ruth informs me that the professional guidance from the psychologist has provided very good results, notably improving the mother-daughter relationships that will help to change the attitudes of our girls with the help of home visits that we are making. We continue with monthly parent class and general parent meetings with more parent cooperation.

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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Chicuchas Wasi

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GREAT NEWS! Our students from the graduating class of 2013 (9 girls), 2014 (10 girls) are ALL still attending high school despite the tremendous need their parents (or single mothers) have to put them to work. Our girls have been noticed and honored as the high achievers by their high school. They are great CW examples in all aspects: educational, behavioral, and especially the spirit of leadership they bring from years at CW school. What a big win for our CW girls and the CW school. This year's graduating class has 11 students and 3 have parents who insist they will not continue on to high school. Ruth found an organization in Peru that might sponsor girls like these three at a special boarding school so that they might complete high school.

The good and bad road news, the city of San Sebastian has denied the request to repair the main road to our school access road. They have agreed to maintain the access road to our school from the main road.

Our Wish List

*Our small school van is still a major problem, forever breaking down due to heavy daily use over terrible dirt roads. We have discovered a small bus available in Cusco that can carry more students, eliminating one of the daily round trips and able to manage the terrain it would need to travel to and from CW school. *We have raised \$9,800. so far toward the purchase of a this small bus by Mercedes. Cost \$75,000 new.* Other brands do not last long in Cusco. So for 2016 this is on the top of our wish list.

*Please bring Spanish & English or bilingual story BOOKS to fill our library when visiting.

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First day of school and girls grades 1-6 are outfitted with new book bags



Proud girls sharing book report. Below Quinoa recipe instruction for good nutrition by 5 yr old kindergartener.



CW students learn anatomy and physiology of the digestive tract. Teachers use group projects to develop problem solving and creative thinking using group resources

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 student's 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.



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Please meet our 4 year old kindergarten

A beneficiary of Chicuchas Wasi has this to say....

"I have first hand experience about this amazing organization. I was one of the first few children that lived in Chicuchas Wasi 28 years ago when it was founded by Rae Lewis. When I was seven years old, both of my parents passed away leaving my five siblings and I orphaned. It was through a social worker that I met Rae, who took my siblings and I into her home. At that time Chicuchas Wasi was a children's home, where I lived for seven years. It was through this organization that I received a scholarship to further my studies in the USA. I left Chicuchas Wasi Peru when I was 14 years old but I was still part of this organization until I graduated from college and became independent. It was because of CW that today I am a Registered Nurse and I am able to help my family in Peru financially. Today, I travel to Peru once a year to visit family and the school and the rest of the CW family. Words alone cannot explain how grateful I am for having met Rae Lewis and for giving me not only a place to live, but an education that will last me for a lifetime. Coming from a place where women are still the minority and have fewer opportunities, an education is the foundation to a better life and opportunities in many ways. " - 28 year CW member

What one visitor has to say:

"I used to work for UNICEF UK, so have visited a number of schools in developing countries. I thought this school was a little jewel - the buildings are well designed and maintained, the girls obviously feel both nurtured and celebrated, and the staff are clearly united in their caring attitude and positive philosophy. I was very impressed." - Anonymous visitor

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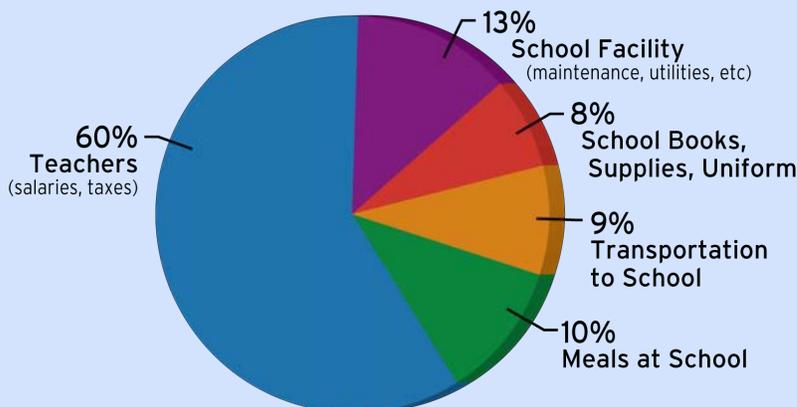
Costs to provide supplies and services for our girls at Chicuchas Wasi School

- \$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!

Please Donate Today here: www.Chicuchaswasi.org



We made our 2015 budget thanks to you.

Chicuchas Wasi School - 2015

Per Student Expense Breakdown (\$1,375 per year each)

The Holiday Season
is Coming

Very Fast

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Chicuchas Wasi

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Our 10 CW teachers, 1 secretary and Administration, Ruth & Gloria.

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

The Giving Season is here.

Please remember our students this year
and put a little aside to give the gift of
EDUCATION for GIRLS.

A tax deductible donation receipt from us
is helpful for taxes, before December 31.

We at CW wish you all Joy, Love,
Affection and gatherings with family and
friends to celebrate the holidays.
We send you our Gratitude for a
successful year and wish you and yours a
very Happy Holiday Season in 2015.

*LOVE from the 110 Chicuchas Wasi girls,
Ruth, Rae, teachers and staff and the
Calif. and Cusco Boards that work for
CW in the background.*

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"Women & girls should be able
to determine their own future,
no matter where they're born."

~ Melinda Gates

