

## Editorial: A Few Words of Solidarity

Welcome to the latest edition of the bulletin, updating you about recent events relating to our project. Firstly we would like to take a moment to express our solidarity with the families of the victims of the recent terrorist activities which took place in London; deplorable events for having been an indiscriminate attack on an innocent population. It is to be hoped that the Peruvian community as well as the Latin American population have not been greatly affected. At the same time it would be a pity if these kinds of events lead to the justification of certain attitudes against some ethnic minorities in this country. Today, more than ever, by recognising the multicultural character of British society and of cities such as London, we must promote and encourage dialogue and integration as a basis for co-existence amongst diverse cultures and faiths.

### World Campaign Against Poverty

Some days ago the campaign against poverty called "Make Poverty History" was held, as well as other events such as Live 8 which reunited personalities and artistes of international renown in a huge concert which took place simultaneously in London and other cities. The objective was to create in rich countries, especially the Group of 8 that met in Scotland, a better commitment to the poorer nations, in terms of debt, economic support, health and education, above all with Africa, undoubtedly the region most badly affected judging by its levels of hunger, infant mortality, Aids, underdevelopment and corruption. The fight against poverty can and must be a crusade without frontiers, a matter which involves all nations but above all the nations of the first world, as well as the international organisations, whose decisions affect the lives of millions of people in the world's poorest countries.

### 2nd July Concert at St Johns Church Waterloo

Peru Apurimac project organised a benefit concert on 2nd July with the participation of the Peruvian musicians Andres Prado and Arturo Castro Guerra. This is an occasion to give thanks to them and also to our friends and to the audience for coming to our event in spite of there being other events of some magnitude taking place, such as Live 8. We value them for their show of support to the projects that we are supporting in Peru. Our special thanks to Andres Prado, the Peruvian guitarist, and to all the people who lent us their generous support in putting on this concert. The church of St. Johns, Waterloo, was an excellent venue for the concert and we are also very grateful for the outstanding support given to us by the staff of St. Johns. Revenue from the concert, without taking costs into account, was £441, net revenue was £41, including some small but important donations. The people who attended enjoyed wine and snacks.



### Donation to the Project in Pachacutec Ventanilla

We would like to inform you that the money raised from the event held in Tito's Restaurant on 16th May was used to send a donation to help with the irrigation project being carried out by a group of teachers and pupils of the Hiroshima school in the shanty town of Pachacutec in Ventanilla. The aim of this project is the use of water for the cultivation of plants in this desert area of Ventanilla where the town has grown up. They propose to create green areas in the area surrounding the school and which could be extended to the rest of the settlement. The donation has allowed them to buy some necessities such as a water tank and hose, details of which are given in the letter they sent us (see below), giving

them a step forward in this important plan for the townspeople, and above all for the education of the children, developing in them an ecological conscience. Below is the letter sent by the group of teachers who are putting this plan into action.

Lima 2nd July 2005  
Señor CLAUDIO CHIPANA GUTIERREZ  
ENGLAND - LONDON

We would like to send our sincerest thanks on behalf of the children, townspeople and teachers, for your invaluable help in enabling us to continue with our project of cultivation of trees and plants around the school.

Also our thanks to our brothers living in London for their kind support which is bringing to life our educational project of plant growing, which we started last year in school no. 5124 "Hiroshima" in Pachacutec, Ventanilla in Callao, and which you visited. Thanks to your help we have been able to buy a polyethylene tank of 1,100 litres capacity and accessories for the storage of water; 420 metres of hose to water with, and accessories and basic tools for academic work. All these things are now in the school and quite honestly it encourages us to work over and above our established hours. (...)

Other good news is that for the month of August the "National Programme of Environmental Studies" of the Ministry of Education has asked us to talk about the cultivation work that we are doing before a Regional Meeting of teachers who develop projects such as these. We will let them know about your help.

Our gratitude is immense, and we hope you will visit us soon. From the group of teachers of the Cultivation Project of School 5124 "Hiroshima".  
Sincerely,

Jorge Bardales Pezo  
Working skills teacher  
Nancy Salazar Carrión  
Natural Sciences

Ana Córdova Vega.  
Biology

Valentín Estrada Robles  
Social Sciences  
Olga Norabuena Tinoco  
Religion



### **From Trujillo**

On 6th July we received an e mail from Father Víctor Hugo Tumba reiterating his request for help to the Peru Apurimac Project and to other institutions to enable him to go forward with the project of the Corporation of Popular Education, the setting up of schools in the marginal areas of Trujillo, such as in the shantytown Ramon Castilla in Huanchaco. Last January we were able to visit Ramon Castilla and can verify the effort made by a voluntary group of teachers and parents to set up a school in this area of Trujillo.

**Trujillo, 25th April 2005**  
**To Well Meaning Friends**

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Dear Friend:

The Corporation of Popular Education, a voluntary group without financial support, was founded on 29th October 2002. It was registered with SUNARP with electronic certificate no. 11017260, with the basic objective of providing humanist, ecological and free education from infant to polytechnic/university level for pupils from marginal areas of the region La Libertad. It has created its first ever educational establishment, the independent school "Corporation of Popular Education" with Regional Directorate Registration No. 1501-2005, situated in the shantytown Ramon Castilla (Mz B - Plot 1) in the district of Huanchaco.

On 14th March we began classes in the locale rented to us until 31st December this year, where we presently teach 150 children of infants school age (3, 4 and 5 years) and 1st and 2nd year primary school children. We are giving them quality education and also medical and psychological attention and also feeding them.

Because of this we appeal to you for support for the work that we are doing to help the children we are educating. You can help by means of the

Solidarity Scholarship of financial support the form for which is attached to this letter, or by any other form of financial support.

Looking forward to your generosity towards these most needy children,  
yours sincerely

R.P. VÍCTOR HUGO TUMBA ORTIZ  
PRESIDENT

DRA. CECILIA RODRÍGUEZ CANEVARO  
SECRETARY

### **Salsa Charity Event**

On 16th July the group “Latinos deRichmond”, headed by Dunia Ball, will hold a salsa party to raise money for a community project that we discovered in need of financial support whilst in Peru in January. It was agreed that the proceeds would be given to the Popular Education Corporation, led by the priest Father Victor Hugo. The party will be on Saturday 16th July and entry tickets will cost £7.

Venue: Staff Social Club, York House, Richmond Road, Twickenham.

For more information see: [www.latinosderichmond.org](http://www.latinosderichmond.org)

### **Next Fundrai sing Musical Event: “TINKUY” Concert**

We announce our next cultural event: “Tinkuy” which in Quechua means “Meeting”. It will be a concert of the charango and guitar and the musicians will be Chano Diaz Limaco (charango) and Victor Palomino (guitar), two outstanding Peruvian musicians who promote Andean music. Chano Diaz Limaco, well known both in Peru and elsewhere in the world, is a musician who brings with him Ayacucho musical traditions, especially those of Huamanga, and is one of the exponents of the Peruvian charango. Victor Palomino who studied guitar in Cusco, his home city, will bring his skill to this gathering of 2 players of the rich musical tradition of Peru. The money raised will be used to continue helping community projects in Peru.

The date of the concert is Saturday 3rd September at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 in advance, £10 at the door.

Venue: St Johns Church, Waterloo

For more details please see: [www.chilliandginger.com](http://www.chilliandginger.com)

### **About Peru Apurimac Project**

Our project is an independent voluntary association without external financial support whose aim is to help projects in poverty stricken areas of Peru. We began in 2001 after a visit we made to the Apurimac region. The funds that we raise come from events that we organise and from the support of the Peruvian community in London and other friends of Peru in the UK. The help that we give in Peru is usually based on requests that we receive during visits to Peru and direct contact made with groups that are asking for help. Exceptionally we have given help to some places that due to the distances involved and scarce resources we have not been able to visit personally, but in all cases we receive due confirmation of the donation made and its use. We would be grateful to you for any collaboration with our project and with the events that we organise. May we take the opportunity to express our gratitude to the people and groups that give us their generous support. Thanks also to “chilliandginger” for having given us free space on their website. For more information please contact:

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Please make donations payable to “Peru Apurimac Project”. Thanks.

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