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Solidaile: A commitment to solidarity!

At the beginning there was a taste for world travel and cultural exchange. Locals shared with us a richness of culture and a warmth of welcome, even though they themselves often faced exceptionally difficult living conditions. Over time the desire grew to take action and help locals find resources to build a better future.

We derive strength from the numerous people we have met in our travels. The conditions are right for supporting and helping sustain local initiatives abroad. Solidaile was created with the initial objective of traveling to Peru to carry out the aid program "[Project Huancavelica](#)".

15 June 2006

Launch of the Solidaile website

The association's web site, designed by our business partner [Natalie Diffloth Design](#), enables us to present you highlights from our projects, inform you about the human and economic dimension of our work, and to keep you informed of our progress.

Please don't hesitate to send us your ideas and comments, they are valuable to us! Our team wishes to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for the interest you have shown in our activities, for your support, and for informing others about the existence of our organisation and web site. All will contribute to the success and continuation of our activities.

Launch of the sponsorship program for children and teenagers:

If you wish to sponsor children and teenagers with a donation targeted towards school education, training and health, please consult our "[Sponsorship](#)" section for details.

22 October 2006

Benefit Dinner for Solidaile at « La Rôtisserie »

At the initiative of Julie and Varma and supported by the Solidaile team, a benefit dinner was organized at « la Rôtisserie », a restaurant in Paris' 10th district. The event celebrated the upcoming launch of the [children's sponsorship program](#) (anticipated on October 25) as well as Solidaile's next departure for [Huancavelica](#) (planned for November 25).

Eighty people from three departments gathered to learn more about Solidaile's programs. The benefit event also allowed us to raise 800 euros in funds to support our activities. A big thank you to all the people who attended the dinner and contributed to its success!

The next benefit dinner is planned for the first quarter of 2007. The date will be communicated on Solidaile's website as well as through Solidaile's newsletter (if you wish to receive it, please let us know by sending us an email at info@solidaile.org).

10 November 2006

Just 7 days before the departure to Peru !

I leave exactly in a week to Peru during 3 months in order to support and accompany the development by Peruvian association "Purisunchik Kuska Llapayanchik Warmakuna" which supports children and teenagers living in precarious conditions.

While waiting to obtain French administrative approval on our non-profit tax status, and thanks to a collection of funds accounting for 40% of the budget envisaged, we decided to move ahead.

Upon arrival in Peru, invaluable meetings are planned in Lima and Huancayo with key players with whom we wish to collaborate and from whom we would like to seek advice.

In Huancavelica, at more than 3600 meters altitude in the Andes cordillera, we will formalize our cooperation with association "Purisunchik Kuska Llapayanchik Warmakuna", before starting to work.

Priority will be given to searching for a space and grounds as well as to the financing of micro projects. The space will make it possible Peruvian association to carry out their actions in support of the children and teenagers. The use of the grounds is intended for the creation of a kitchen garden and fruit orchard.

In parallel, we will devote time to Solidaile sponsorships (sending mail from the sponsored children to their sponsors), to the correspondence of the teenagers of Huancavelica with third year student at a French high school, and to the communication of the evolution of our projects via Solidaile's Internet site.

The program will be very dense and busy, but it will be also an occasion to experience cultural richness, the warmth of local reception and the simplicity of the life.

In the name of all the Solidaile team, I wish to address our sincere thanks to you for your support. It is mainly thanks to the confidence that you grant our project and your invaluable supports (material, financier and moral) that we are able to undertake these endeavors.

We hope you will continue to support us by sponsoring a child, by making a gift, by organizing an activity, by informing your colleagues of our projects... For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@solidaile.org.

6 December 2006

Updates from the first 10 days in Peru !

Meeting with an adviser of the embassy from France in Lima

The objective was to inform her of our project and to make sure that on an administrative level, we could act without having to currently fill of possible formalities (the new government votes a law aiming at obliging the recipients of supplementary programmes to inform it of the whole of the actions which intervene in Peru).

On this point, she assured us that we could launch our project without problem and advised us to encourage the Peruvian association which we support to be registered with the ACPI (Peruvian Agency of International Co-operation) so as to answer the new requirements of the government. In addition, this inscription makes it possible Peruvian association to be able to have access to certain national supplementary programs.

Lastly, with the reading of our project, the adviser of the embassy communicated to us the co-ordinates of a working agronomist with Huancavelica for possible advices for the shutter vegetable garden and fruit trees of our program.

Meeting with the director of the CIAP (Central Interregional of Artesanos del Peru) in Lima

The CIAP (www.ciap.org) is a made up association Peruvian craftsmen who devote themselves to the production and the export of craft industry. Actor equitable commercial in Peru, the CIAP works for the improvement of the living conditions of its members. It is also implied in alternative tourism with its agency Pachamama (www.pachamama.ciap.org).

The meeting with the director of the CIAP enabled us to better understand the interest of such a structure. We also could present our “Project Huancavelica” in particular at the level of the micro projects and the alternative travel.

If the artisanal production of the families of the association of Huancavelica interests the CIAP, that would represent a real opportunity for these families and their children. The list of the whole of their productions is scheduled in order to communicate it to the CIAP as soon as possible.

An important work is also envisaged with the development of an exhaustive list of the many centers of interests on a tourist level of Huancavelica and Huancayo, who is located between Lima and Huancavelica, and to see thereafter with the Pachamama agency if a Lima-Huancayo-Huancavelica-Ayacucho circuit is possible.

Meeting with the director of the program “Mosoq Ayllu” in Huancayo

The program “Mosoq Ayllu” (www.mosoq-ayllu.org.pe) makes it possible foreign volunteers to work in particular in the school support in the orphanages of Huancayo and, since this year, with children of the streets.

We could speak about our project with the director of “Mosoq Ayllu” in order to see whether it would be possible to include Huancavelica in his program with the association “Purisunchik Kuska Llapayanchik Warmakuna” which we support.

He will come to the site in a few days in order to concretize this partnership and also on the whole of our actions envisaged of our “Project on Huancavelica” (He will advise us and had been already available on preceding micro projects in Huancayo, its expertise and its advices will be very invaluable for us).

The arrival at Huancavelica (3600m of altitude) and the starting of the “Project Huancavelica”

After a rapid acclimatization with the altitude, we met the local structure that we decided to support and to accompany. Adults, teenagers and children prepared us an exceptional reception with songs, dances, poems (difficult when a 5 year’s old child melts in tears by reciting his poem so much the living conditions of his family are hard) and also and especially first exchanges relating to our common actions.

The first step of the project was to confirm with the persons in charge of the local structure, contents of the principal orientations that we fixed ourselves and of the conditions under which we wish to carry out them in particular in terms of transparency and rigour in the management of the project. The following step, on Monday, the 4th of December, was to sign a contract of collaboration in which appear the whole of these elements.

In addition, we met the various craftsmen of the local structure and we will be able to present in the all next days the assets of their productions at the CIAP.

We made fuller knowledge with the families of the children who belong to the program of collective sponsorship suggested by Solidaire and could better account for the conditions to us under which they live.

The study of the purchase and a ground for the realization of a kitchen garden is in hand. We currently have a serious track. We wait to know if its cost corresponds to the reality of the market and if the

agricultural engineer assure us that qualities of the ground make it possible to consider a good production before making a decision. In the immediate future, we have a sufficient surface to start to cultivate with the assistance of a Peruvian agronomist implied in the local structure.

Other micro projects are being studied. According to our means and as soon as we have sufficient information on the interest which they present, we will invest in those which will have priority.