

## FUNDRAISING

The trustees of Hand in Hand Trust give a mighty **THANKYOU** to all our donors.

You have been responsible for the changing of lives. You have provided good food, loads of fun time, warmth, cuddles and relaxation to babies and little children whose lives were without those necessities. Through you hundreds of children have received their human rights to go to school with dignity.

**Please continue to support this work and help us to bring it into communities so that adults too can learn alongside their children.**

We wish to thank particularly Saga Charitable Trust, Eastbourne College and the Parish of the Good Shepherd in Mytholmroyd, who have supported Hand in Hand over many years.

### THE AMANTANI CHASQUI MARATHON

In partnership with another charity working in Peru we are raising funds for Hand in Hand through a marathon event at Grafton Water, in Huntingdon on 18th September.

**To find out more about how you take part, please contact Ed Breckin at: [ed\\_breckin@hotmail.com](mailto:ed_breckin@hotmail.com)**



### KIDS AWAKE...

is an extra project whereby anyone can also support an individual child for one year in a nursery.

- ◆ **£6 a month will provide all the food and creativity items needed**
- ◆ **£25 a month will also pay for the nursery staff**

Please see the leaflet enclosed that we hope you will show to friends and family.



# Hand in Hand Trust

Helping children onto the road out of poverty

## MOVING AHEAD FOR THE FUTURE

- ◆ We have completed 14 years of nursery care for pre school age children in Peru.
- ◆ The success has been outstanding.
- ◆ We must not relax on our successes.
- ◆ We must not be afraid of change.



### WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

Marie-José Masters started in 1997 after seeing babies and early age children alone for up to 8 hours a day whilst poor mothers had to work. There was very little provision made for these families hence the children had insufficient food and no stimulation during their days, and rarely went to school or did not stay more than a year or two.

Hand in Hand nurseries were started in order to address these problems and the number of children grew rapidly from the initial 15 to almost 300 within 10 years.

Nursery nurses were trained to provide a programme of stimulation by play, music, dance, theatre, stories and three nutritious meals per day. Nurseries were open in Callao, Lima and Arequipa. Four years ago Marie-José Masters, the founder, won an award as Clarin's Most Dynamasante Woman of the Year, of £30,000. This money to be spent in opening and funding a nursery in the Peruvian rain forest for 2 years. In fact the need was so great that 2 nurseries were opened in Yurimaguas catering for over 100 children.

### WHAT WE LEARNED

**Positive:** The children are quick to learn and eager to learn. The schools to which they go at 6 years consistently praise the children's ability and their keenness to join in other activities (choirs, bands sport). The parents started to ask for some instruction so they too could learn and help their children.

**Negative:** Peruvian governments have changed several times since we started, with ever changing laws concerning charities. This is very confusing and even lawyers give different interpretations.



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## WE UNDERSTAND....

Hand in Hand's method of nutrition and stimulation is excellent.

We believe that nurseries should now become "Peruvian" and part of their communities

Peru has become a much less poor country and there are now many more provisions for child care in the bigger towns and we feel that we are no longer as necessary as before.

We, now, intend to look for and promote the Hand in Hand nutrition and stimulation programme in "forgotten" areas of Peru.

Hand in Hand is encouraging our trained staff to work independently in their own localities. Each trained nursery nurse will train and lead the parents each of whom will be expected to work for 2 days each month with their children in a nursery. The parents and anyone in the community who wishes will also attend training sessions and in this way the whole community will develop good child care skills.

Already we have 2 started and 2 more making plans. In this way parents are learning, not only nursery care but also how to feed and play and teach their babies and children.



YURIMAGUAS

## FUTURE PROGRESS

**Yurimaguas** is literally at the end of the road!!

From taking a plane from Lima to Tarapoto followed by three and a half hour taxi ride through the high Amazon rain forest you eventually arrive at Yurimaguas. It lies on the edge of the deep jungle. Sometimes there are natives who have travelled by canoe for several days to have meetings with local government and national government officials. It is not these people who need the nurseries rather the local people of Yurimaguas.

The president of Peru is considering building an airport and a better landing stage for large boats in Yurimaguas. If this should happen the town will grow and become another popular place for tourism - and more begging from the children and abuse and prostitution.

Already 4 HIH trained nursery nurses are working with 40 parents and children. It is hoped that the new community nurseries will grow to other parts of Yurimaguas – according to funds available.



**Iquitos:** This town has no road access. It is built on the River Amazon at a point where ships can sail from the Atlantic Ocean although it is 4,000 kilometres inland. It also has a national airport.

Because of the flooding of the river many poor people live in houses built on sticks and canoe travel is the norm for many.

In an area very close to the river is a very poor area and within it is a 3 classroom school which no-one has the funds to occupy. Twice a week it is opened for 2 hours in case any student teacher has enough fare to travel there to teach. Mostly, during this time, parents go in to the grounds and play with their children or colour – in or practise their letters.

Hand in Hand Trust believes this could be an ideal place to encourage a large community nursery. We already have trained staff who are willing to spend time there to set it up and start it going.



## FUNDING NEEDED!!

Without new funding many children will never go to school and will spend their childhood begging from the foreign backpackers who spend their Amazon holidays there.