

Kuyay Talpuy...2014

Sembrando semillas con el amor de Dios...

planting seeds with the love of God



December 20 ended the school year for Kuyay Talpuy preschool. It is summer in the southern hemisphere, so it is summer vacation for all schools. The end of the year brought the tradition of *chocolatada*, which is hot chocolate and *paneton*, a fruitcake type bread. Many families have this during their Christmas meal, and it is served at schools and other gatherings.

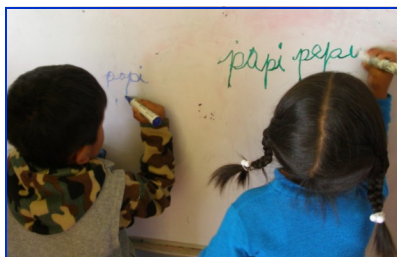
The school year had many changes. We started the year with teachers Rosio, Luz, and Tania. Nelida came alongside Rosio to help on Wednesdays and Sundays with Kids' Club. With time, Luz resigned to be at home with their little 8-month old girl. Carmen joined us to take her place, but then had to resign to take care of her elderly mother. Later Milagros came back from Huancavelica following a car accident, and she joined the teaching staff in September. The team is now more stable, and we look forward to the new year 2014.



We're ready for Christmas!! Here are the Kuyay students with their teachers, Nelida, Tania, Rosio, and Milagros.

At the end of the year, yet another change occurred. The building which was donated by a local woman for the school's use is now needed by her family. The last week of December was a flurry of locating another building, moving, and putting in partitions to separate the building into classes for the different ages. We were fortunate to have help from the Iscos community in finding the new building and in the moving process.

Kuyay Talpuy preschool is not only academic and Christian education for the children, but it also encourages and instructs the parents. The mothers' knitting club is thriving. Mothers meet on Wednesday afternoons for socialization and Bible study. They are growing in their faith and look forward to their times together. One of the mothers, Luti, was given a Bible several months ago, and she enjoys reading it. Before, she believed in Christ, but had never read the Bible on her own. Other activities have included a play day with the mothers and the children. We went to a local museum, and then went to a park for food and play. The mothers cooked the food to bring along. A game of soccer was played with two teams, including the children, and one mother even played for a short time with her



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baby on her back !!Some of the activities were skill games between mothers and children, such as passing a marble from spoon to spoon, and the spoons were in their mouths! Another activity was pouring water from one cup to another in the same manner. Mothers had to try their skill at putting a pencil in a plastic water bottle. The only difficulty was the pencil was tied to a string around the waist and it dangled behind them with the plastic bottle on the ground below. The activities were followed by a discussion and there was a spiritual application. It was a relaxing, fun-filled day.

Kuyay Talpuy also includes Kids’ Club at Tinyari, home visitation, and worship services in remote places. Early in December several people were baptized. A pastor from Huancayo came to the mountains to perform the baptisms. Estrella, who has been faithfully attending the worship service in Partacocha, had prayed a long time for her parents to come to Christ. Felix and Teodora, Estrella’s parents, were baptized that day, and they are in their 80s. One young girl, Sheyla, and Marielena, a young woman with disabilities were also baptized. (Right, Teodora walks down the mountain toward the baptism site.)



In November, there was a missionary visitation, and four men from Lima and Ecuador came to the Kuyay program to learn and help. The men stayed in homes in the area, and during the day were in the school and accompanied the girls on home visits. One afternoon, they met with the Kuyay mothers and instructed them in parenting skills following Biblical principles. They used the scripture, “Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6



November also saw a cooking competition among the mothers of Kuyay. They made traditional Peruvian dishes, and they explained the nutritional value of the dish and the manner in which it was prepared. The food was judged on taste, appearance, nutritional value, and the oral presentation. Children and adults enjoyed the results!



Thank you if you have helped in any way with the Kuyay Talpuy project. Funds are sent to the Mission Society at the address below, and with the designation as the special account, the money is used exclusively for Kuyay Talpuy.



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