

WESTNELL NURSERY SOCIETY



working with
children in
Peru

Developing education in poor communities



Example of work done by children in Westnell Nursery

ANNUAL REPORT JAN-DECEMBER 2003

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Welcome to the Westnell Annual Report for 2003

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Our work in Peru

There are two separate nurseries run by the *Sociedad Infantil Westnell, Lima, Peru*. The original nursery started by the founders Sally Pinnell and Debra Westlake in 1986, is located in Doscientas Millas shanty town. The second nursery, opened in 1998 by the staff and families, is in a larger shanty town called Bocanegra. Both are managed by the Director Oscar Santillan, the Headteacher and Educational Coordinator Margarita Cautín del Real, and an elected staff and parent Executive Committee.

Summary of what we provide

- There are approximately 21,000 children in Bocanegra shanty town but places for only 750 in the local state-run nursery schools. While Doscientas Millas has a smaller population, the state pre-school provision is equally poor.
- A total of 300 nursery places were provided by Westnell this year (189 in Bocanegra; 112 in Doscientas Millas)
- The 2 nurseries ran 10 classes : 4 in Doscientas Millas and 6 in Bocanegra; 6 classes were funded directly by Westnell UK, 2 funded by UK Community Fund (previously the National Lottery) until 2005 and 2 funded by the Methodist Relief and Development Fund until March 2004.

The new school year in Peru

The months January - April are school summer holidays in Peru. Teachers take a well-earned break, but most of March is involved with staff training and preparation of materials and classrooms for the new academic year. In addition, there are always many applications for nursery places so that a house to house survey has to be carried out during the summer holidays to establish which are the neediest families. As the above data shows, there are few places for children in state-run nurseries and while the places are officially without charge, state nurseries

are not wealthy institutions and parents are required to meet a number of costs, such as materials and uniforms, and even to supplement staff salaries. The families who try to gain places in Westnell are those who cannot afford even these meagre costs. In addition, the reputation of Westnell is such that it has become common in recent years for families in Bocanegra to queue overnight the day before registration begins to be first in line for a place at Westnell. The staff find it very hard to turn desperate families away.

This year Margarita decided to open an extra entrance class in Bocanegra Nursery, called 'the Faith Class'. Since there were no extra funds for staff salaries, she taught the class herself with the assistance of a student teacher from the Ministry of Education. In previous years there was only a one-class intake of 3 year olds, which in 2002 had been stretched to provide 40 places, because of the desperate demand. This year 62 entrance places were provided in 2 classes, allowing a more reasonable class size. Overall this did not result in an increase in total places than in the previous two years since there was some natural attrition in the older classes due to children moving on.

(See table overleaf)

Table of staff with sponsor and register of children - Westnell 2003

SPONSOR	PERSONNEL	class			TOTAL
		age	boys	girls	
DOSCIENTAS MILLAS					
WESTNELL	TEACHER: Margarita Montes AUXILIARY: Annie Ojeda R.	5	10	16	26
WESTNELL	TEACHER: Flor Paiva Auxiliary: Gianina flores	4	18	12	30
WESTNELL	TEACHER: Trinidad Laupa Auxiliary: Deisy Seminario	3	19	11	30
WESTNELL	TEACHER: Trinidad Laupa Auxiliary: Roxana Rodriguez	5	15	11	26
WESTNELL	DIRECTOR: Oscar Santillan				
WESTNELL	CARETAKER: Eugenia Tacco				
TOTALS			62	50	112
BOCANEGRA					
MRDF	TEACHER: Pilar Moràn Auxiliary: Janet Orellana	3	16	16	32
WESTNELL	TEACHER: Giovana orellana Auxiliary: Gloria Laupa	4	24	12	36
MRDF	TEACHER: Flor Sandoval Auxiliary Janet Gonzales	5	15	18	33
COMMUNITY FUND (CF)	TEACHER: Jenny Flores Auxiliary: Ana Gutierrez	4	15	14	29
COMMUNITY FUND (CF)	TEACHER: Doris Rodriguez Auxiliary: Sandra Canales	5	15	14	29
WESTNELL	The faith class TEACHER: Margarita Cautin Auxiliary Cinthia Chinga	3	18	12	30
WESTNELL/ COMMUNITY FUND (CF)	COORDINATOR: Margarita Cautin				
WESTNELL	CARETAKER: Carlos Zuniga				
TOTALS			103	86	189
GRAND TOTALS BOTH NURSERIES			165	136	301

Events and activities in the nurseries

Children in the Westnell Nurseries are involved in much more than just the pre-school curriculum. The children and their families are invited to participate in many social and educational events throughout the year. Families are encouraged to join classroom committees to support the activities by planning ahead, by giving their time and financially, where they are able.

The usual seasonal events took place this year : Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day and Teachers' Day are celebrated. This year a celebration of the different kinds of work that fathers do reinforced the resourceful ways in which nursery families earn a living. Nursery Education Day in May was celebrated with a parade and presentations in which even the 3 year old children took part. There was a parade for Peruvian Independence Day in July, with children in national costume. Equally important were family sporting events and the annual family day out to the countryside in November. December is the busiest month since there are final assessments to be done of children who are going to primary school, graduation ceremonies and the usual Christmas celebrations with hot chocolate and Santa's visit. Special thanks go to Yolanda Williams, of London, and to her nephews and their families (who live in Lima) who gave help towards Christmas gifts and activities.

Nursery events are not just for social purposes: this year one fund raiser organized by staff and families raised over £1,000. This money is to be used to buy lending books for children.

Family work and social programme

The Westnell programme involves a significant amount of outreach and community work because of the difficult social and economic circumstances of shanty town families in Peru. The Westnell team believes strongly that family participation gives the opportunity for the hard-working parents to relax in a social environment, but also promotes community unity and participation. This year parenting classes encouraged families' awareness of the importance of early education and taught them about child development and childcare; as Margarita says: "the nurseries offer a positive and secure environment that allows the parents to develop alongside their children". Links were also encouraged between parents through the classroom committees and participation in the management of the nursery. The ongoing Women's Groups at both nurseries encourage women to learn handicraft skills for their own interest and to supplement family income and give women a space to meet outside of their homes.

The Peruvian Sustainability Commission

The roles and responsibilities of the Peruvian organisation are changing. A Sustainability Commission, comprising Westnell management, staff and parents, was set up in 2001 to begin the task of securing replacement funding so that the 4 classes sponsored by the Methodist Relief and Development Fund (MRDF) and Community Fund (CF) can continue to function once the grants cease in 2004 and 2005 respectively. Ana Urrunaga from Save the Children Fund has been working with the Commission, partly funded by a small grant from the CF, to do some short term advisory and fund-raising work. At least 17 overseas European and US organisations and trusts have been applied to this year. In addition, in February 2003 Ana carried out a capacity building programme for the Sustainability Commission and staff of the nurseries. The course focused on project development, evaluation, budgets and fund raising.

Until they secure more external funding, Margarita and her team will seek to cover the costs of the classes, by launching their own fundraising activities with support and cooperation of the parents. Fund raising events have been held within the shanty town communities. There is also a proposal to gain 60 new supporters, from within Peru or overseas, who will each sponsor a child's education at a cost of US\$20 per month. Ex-alumni from private colleges in the district of the nurseries have been targeted.

Visitors to Peru

Lizzy Spencer from Newcastle visited while working in Lima and took sweatshirts donated by Brunswick School, Penrith. Members of SMOAT (ST Mark's Overseas Aid Trust of Reigate) visited and have undertaken a fund-raising auction in the UK for Westnell which will pay for capital costs such as furniture, equipment and building repairs. Mrs Helen Trattles, Headteacher of Our Lady's Catholic Junior School in Ellesmere Port went to the nurseries and has established a fund raising link with her school.

The social and political situation in shanty town settlements

In 2003, Peru went through another major upheaval with widespread discontent and lack of confidence in President Toledo. Margarita Santillan reported that she had not seen any improvement in the shanty town conditions; on the contrary the situation had worsened. Strikes in all sectors, including education, have become commonplace once again with the accompanying breakdown in services and growing climate of fear. The Government declared the Education Sector to be in crisis (Emergency Status) since there are more than 2000 school sites nationally that need to be refurbished and there are no funds for this. Grass roots organisations such as the Community Soup Kitchens, which since their inception have been organised and run by women's groups, were centralised. Food aid supplied to these organisations was cut and their management passed into the hands of local councils. This has a great impact on both of the communities in which the nurseries are based since the majority of our mothers participate in these schemes and they are now struggling to feed their families.

Use of the Bocanegra building

The Bocanegra building was constructed primarily as a nursery school, but with a secondary purpose to provide meeting space for women's groups and for general community purposes. This year the auditorium was used by Westnell for parties and performances and parents' committees and also by community organisations. For example, the Small Business Enterprise Scheme and the popular committees of the women's Soup Kitchen Confederation used the meeting facilities to plan their response to the government's centralisation of community organisations. The building therefore expanded its role as a community resource.

Interview with Westnell Nursery family in Doscientas Millas

Luz Ramirez was interviewed in her home by Debra Westlake (Founder and Trustee of Westnell) and Vanessa Prytz (independent consultant) during an evaluation visit in November 2001.

The family live in 'Primero de Julio' ('first of July') which is a very basic shanty town built on the rubbish dumps that border the River Rimac beside Doscientas Millas, the more established shanty

town in which the first Westnell nursery is based. It is a very unsanitary and underdeveloped settlement where there is no running water, sewage system or electricity. Water is collected from a community tap and kerosene is used for light and cooking.

Luz, the mother, was 30 at the time, her husband 35. They have 3 children. The eldest, Kevin aged 9, is an ex-student of Westnell, now in fourth grade at a local state primary school. His teachers were very impressed by his capabilities when he started primary school and put this down to the excellent start he had been given in the Westnell nursery. He is a very able student.

The middle child, Giovanni, aged 7 graduated from Westnell in 2001 and started primary school. Her teacher was Trinidad who has worked for Westnell for some 15 years. Giovanni's younger sister Nadine started at Westnell in April 2002.

The home is constructed of plywood and brick. There is a dirt floor and a board roof. They have a kitchen and living area, a bedroom for all the family and a yard area where Luz does the washing and hangs it to dry.

Luz used to work in domestic service, while her children were looked after by various family members, but gave up when the youngest was a baby as she was not developing and diagnosed as under-nourished. The family decided that Luz could care better for the baby herself even though this meant an economic sacrifice. Luz has recently started taking in washing as a way of making a little extra money

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Fund raising

This was a good year for supporters' fund-raising events. The details are highlighted in the Treasurer's Report. We are grateful to the following groups and organisations who have made this a successful year for fund-raising: The Shackletons in Yorkshire, St Marks Overseas Aid Trust in Reigate, the Liverpool Spanish circle, Brunswick School in Penrith, Our Lady's Catholic Junior School in Cheshire, the International Mothers and Toddlers Group in Norway, the Gowers in the USA. The following Trusts have also supported us this year: Catholic Care (Leeds diocese), Mildenhall Charitable Trust, Ralph Clark Charitable Trust.

The UK Committee

The AGM was held in June and resulted in a number of changes in the Officers: David Sprent replaced Mark Patchett as Chair, but Mark, who has been an excellent Chair, agreed to remain on the Committee as the person having key responsibility for accountability to our external donors. Debra Westlake replaced Chris Bond as Secretary, under very sad circumstances as Chris had become too ill to carry on her role earlier in the year. Ede Fehrenbach was reelected as Treasurer. Sally Pinnell, as she said in her last newsletter, is taking a break from the Committee but remains a Trustee and, of course, a Founder. Gareth Jenkins continues to work on the card production and co-ordination and is a member of the Committee. Gareth was also formally elected as a Trustee.

The main thrust of our work this year has been on supporting the organisation in Peru through its increasing focus on sustainability. We have also put in place a strategy for the UK organisation for the time when external funding ceases.

Christine Bond - obituary by Debra Westlake

Christine Bond, secretary of Westnell, died on 16 July 2003 as a result of ovarian cancer. Chris had supported Westnell right from its inception when Sally and I were in Peru setting up the first nursery. She sent parcels to encourage us while we were there and then became one of our first covenanters. She was always there to give a word of support or a timely piece of advice during the years that followed when we were establishing the charity in the UK, calling on her professional expertise in the areas of charity fund-raising, management and organisational development. It took a few years to persuade her to join us on the Committee but eventually she became Secretary of Westnell in 1998 and carried on her duties even when she became ill. She was a dedicated Secretary, shared great insights and wisdom about the work of Westnell and became an asset to the Committee. We are devastated at the loss of our loyal supporter and dear friend Christine.

Her family asked that donations be made to Westnell instead of flowers at her commemoration service and this raised £750. Thank you to everyone who chose to remember Chris's life in this way and particularly to Mr and Mrs Bond and to Pete Potts who made this generous legacy to Westnell possible.

The Beacon Prize 2003

An anonymous nomination to the Beacon Fellowship, led to Debra Westlake being awarded a 'Highly Commended' certificate for her work with Westnell. The Beacon Prize was established to 'highlight

and showcase exceptional contributions by individuals to charitable and social causes, and to promote a culture of giving in the UK.' The certificate was awarded 'in recognition of your outstanding contribution to charitable and social causes. The judges have decided that your endeavours are highly commended in the category of leadership'. (www.beaconfellowship.org.uk)

Many thanks to the person who nominated Debra.

Cards

An attractive set of 6 designs, compiled into 3 sets of exclusive Christmas cards, was produced this year by designers Kate Blewett, Jacqui Sayers, Julia Burns and W3 design (Helen Wallis and Peter Wrigglesworth); our thanks to them. We also owe our gratitude to Brian Shackleton and his family who have taken on the huge task of packing the cards over the last few years. Sally and Vernon Pinnell did a wonderful job of fulfilling mail orders and we are grateful for the support of our many sellers throughout the country who are too many to name, although we must mention Suzanne and Eleanor Moffatt our northern sales reps.

Website

Our website address: www.westnell.org.uk

The website continued to be developed and maintained by Geoff Sheradon, of *Premonition* who generously donates his efforts. It was used by supporters to download card order forms and gift aid and standing order forms. We also received enquiries about the nurseries from individuals living in Peru, or travelling there from the UK. There were visits to the project in Lima as a result of these contacts and some funds were generated.

Chairman's message - David Sprent

The Westnell Nursery Society has now been operating for more than 18 years and during this time has supported the education of hundreds of children in Peru. Over the last five years numbers of children in the nurseries increased thanks to external funding from MRDF and the Community Fund. This additional funding will cease by the end of 2005 and it is hoped that these funds will be replaced by the work of the Sustainability Commission in Peru. We on the UK committee are committed to continuing to work with Sociedad Infantil Westnell by providing support and resources. We are grateful for all the fantastic support we receive from around the world. Thank you.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

Summary

2003 has been a less good than usual financial year for Westnell because income was less than expenditure by £3,918. Total income was £27,518 and expenditure was £31,436.

Unlike the previous year, this is a 12 month financial year running from 1st January to 31st December. In 2002, we adjusted the Westnell UK year end to December to coincide with the school year of the Westnell nurseries in Peru, and the needs of some of our external funders. Comparison with the previous (9 month) year is therefore difficult. In this report, therefore, the income figures are in most cases compared to the budget set for the year (based on previous experience) whereas the expenses are compared to the previous year.

The detail - Westnell

Income

Income from standing orders under new Gift Aid or covenants was £14,334, £334 higher than budgeted, and slightly higher than the previous full year. This was mostly due to the effect of commitments made in previous years, along with five new regular donations starting in the year. In addition, regular donations via CAF standing orders, Give as You Earn Schemes etc. totalled £1,443, £243 higher than the budget due to increased commitments (hard to predict). This figure was also slightly higher than the previous full year. The Covenants/Gift Aid and Regular Donations figures are grouped together in the accounts as they represent the regular income of the society, amounting to on average over £1,300 per month.

The reclaimed tax for the year totalled £3,691, £809 lower than the budget. This was mostly because there were no major (personal) donations that we could claim gift aid tax on from this or the previous year. Although many Westnell supporters have signed Gift Aid forms in favour of Westnell, the reclaimed tax could be increased if all of our tax paying supporters filled in the new Gift Aid forms that are available from our website, or the Secretary. (This has been targetted by our most recent newsletter in March 2004).

The total of income from individual donations was £2,608; £1,892 lower than the budget, but this is hard to target. Westnell supporters raised a fantastic £3,547 this year via fund-raising events. This total was £1,547 higher than the budget. Donations in memory of Christine Bond raised £750. The Shackletons in Yorkshire held 2 choral concerts that raised £700 in total. Finally, SMOAT (St Marks Overseas Aid Trust based in Reigate) held an auction that raised £1,562 for furniture in the nurseries. Events such as the Happy Jars at Brunswick School, Penrith Cumbria also continue to raise regular funds. Thanks to Terry Carruthers and the children. Donations from Charitable Trusts were £500, as expected with the change in our yearend. Newsletter subscriptions were zero again this year as we did not solicit for any. The donations in kind figure was just £16.

Of particular note also are donations from Catholic Care in Leeds, Mildenhall Charitable Trust, Ralph Clark Charitable Trust, Liverpool Spanish Circle, the International Mothers and Toddlers Group in Norway as well as some generous gifts from individuals. Thanks to all those who have made donations.

Sales of our Xmas cards this year totalled a respectable £3,378. However, this was eroded by the fact that we had to pay for printing costs of the cards again, as well as for envelopes and postage expenses. The final profit was £1,149 which is £1,809 less than the previous year.

Interest received in the year was £231, £269 lower than the budget, due to lower average balances being held than the previous year and lower interest rates applying.

Expenditure

The monthly payments to the nursery in Peru were maintained at the same level as the previous year, in line with teachers' local pay scales. Payments to Peru in the year totalled £31,000, as budgetted.

At £241, UK expenses decreased from last year by £715, when our website was revamped. UK expenses are those incurred directly in running the organisation of the charity; card sales and event expenses are netted off against the respective income. Expenses for communication with Peru were £195 which is £40 higher than the previous year.

Overall running expenses (which exclude card and visit expenses) are 1.46% of Westnell's income or expenditure for the year, lower (by 3%) than the previous year due to the lower level of expenses and higher overall expenditure.

Closing balances

The closing balances at the year end show an overspend of £3,918. The UK reserves were £5,740 at the year end, below our previous usual level of £10,000. (Average Westnell balances for the year were £7,134, which is less than the average of £9,122 in the previous year)

It should be stated that the reserves are held and used in case of month on month fluctuations and annual shortfalls in fundraising efforts. With the current level of guaranteed monthly/annual income and no further fundraising, the reserves would fund the Westnell Peruvian project for 8 months.

The detailed figures are presented in the following pages, with a comparison to previous years.

Westnell administered two grants in this financial year:

MRDF Grant for Boca Negra

A grant of £11,451 (decreased from £12,504 the previous year) was received from the Methodist Relief and Development Fund (MRDF) to fund two of the classes at Boca Negra. This was the final year of a second three-year grant, which was tapered as part of Westnell Peru's long term progress towards sustainability. It was hoped that Westnell (Peru) would gradually replace the funds from MRDF over the period of the grant. The administration involves sending the funds to Peru on a monthly basis and monitoring the related project work in Peru. We then draw up a report on the activities and expenditure in Peru for annual submission to the MRDF. £2,490 of this grant shows as held at the end of the year, because of our accounting year end date. The funds were sent to Peru to cover expenditure in the first 3 months of 2004.

Community Fund Grant

Westnell administered a grant of £17,578, constituting the third year of a 4 year grant from the UK Community Fund International Grants programme(formerly the National Lottery). This is all for revenue funding to run two classes at Boca Negra. The administration involves sending the funds to Peru on a monthly basis and monitoring the related project work in Peru. We will be making regular reports to the Community Fund.

The detailed figures for both grants are presented below.

Declaration

The accounts for the Westnell Nursery Society for the financial year ended 31 December 2003, set out on the next two pages and described in the treasurer's report above, are as approved by the trustees.

Chair - David Sprent	Date
Treasurer – Ede Fehrenbach	Date
Secretary – Debby Westlake	Date

WESTNELL NURSERY FUND

	97/98	98/99	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02	(9 mth yr) 2002	2003	Change from previous year	%age
Annual Totals	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
INCOME									
Standing Orders (GA/Covs)	12,568	12,463	12,694	13,555	14,107	10,746	14,334	3,588	26.47%
Regular donations ***		768	1,132	1,253	1,302	998	1,443	445	35.51%
Tax Reclaimed	3,550	3,361	4,481	4,751	4,859	4,293	3,691	-602	-12.68%
<u>Donations</u>									
Donations	2,015	935	6,502	3,119	4,915	2,505	2,608	103	3.30%
Supporter events ***		2,957	4,077	4,332	3,324	365	3,547	3,182	73.45%
Special donations - trusts	2,495	1,100	800	500	500	300	500	200	40.00%
Newsletter subscriptions *	51	204	24	0	0	0	0	0	-
Donations in kind	105	341	244	200	200	800	16	-784	392.15%
<u>Special Projects</u>									
Cards **	4,077	4,410	3,660	3,243	3,637	2,958	1,149	-1,809	-55.76%
Events/artesania	3,107	3,629	95	100	0	345	0	-345	345.00%
Three Peaks Walk									
Interest	500	600	559	640	575	318	231	-87	-13.54%
Total Income	28,468	30,768	34,267	31,694	33,419	23,627	27,518	3,891	12.28%
EXPENDITURE									
Peru Remittances	27,860	31,542	30,947	30,059	32,000	25,160	31,000	5,840	19.43%
Loans to Peru	1,547	-1,514	0	1,392	-696	-696	0	696	50.00%
UK Administration	280	507	475	488	447	956	241	-715	146.41%
Peru Communication	757	292	293	402	887	155	195	40	9.96%
Total Expenditure	30,443	30,828	31,714	32,341	32,638	25,575	31,436	5,861	18.12%
NET CASH FLOW	-1,975	-59	2,553	-647	781	-1,948	-3,918	-1,971	304.57%
CLOSING BALANCES									
Current Account	1,235	318	1,978	514	61	1,129	1,821	692	
B/Soc Deposit Account	7,550	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	2,000	-3,000	
B/Soc Chq Account		1,000	1,000	2,500	2,500	1,500	200	-1,300	
Bank High Interest Account	84	2,491	3,384	2,700	4,045	2,030	1,719	-311	
NET WORTH	8,869	8,809	11,362	10,715	11,606	9,658	5,740	-3,918	0.17
FIXED ASSETS									
Fax held by Sally Pinnell	131	131	131	131	131	0	0		
	131	131	131	131	131	0	0		

MRDF Grant for Boca Negra
Summary Cash Flow

	Total 01/02	Total 2002	Total 2003
<u>Income</u>	£	£	£
Grant received	13,487	12,504	11,451
Loans	0	0	0
Interest	149	105	92
Total Income	13,636	12,609	11,543
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Payments to Peru	13,487	9,864	11,601
Xfer to main Westnell fund	149	105	92
Total Expenditure	13,636	9,969	11,693
Net Cash Flow	0	2,640	-150
Net Worth	0	2,640	2,490
CLOSING BALANCES			
Current Acct	0	0	0
B/Soc BN Fund Acct	0	2,640	2,490
NET WORTH	0	2,640	2,490

Community Fund (Lottery) Grant for Boca Negra
Summary Cash Flow

	Total 01/02	Total 2002	Total 2003
<u>Income</u>	£	£	£
Grant received	14,592	11,190	17,578
Interest	17	3	18
Total Income	14,609	11,193	17,596
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Payments to Peru	14,326	11,456	17,166
Xfer to main Westnell fund	17	1	14
Total Expenditure	14,343	11,457	17,180
Net Cash Flow	266	-265	417
Net Worth	266	1	418
CLOSING BALANCES			
Current Acct	0	1	0
Lottery bank Acct	266	0	418
NET WORTH	266	1	418

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The Home of a Westnell student, Doscientas Millas, Lima



The **Westnell Nursery Society** was set up in 1986 and registered as a charity to 'advance the education of children below school age in Lima, Peru, by providing safe and stimulating group play and other learning activities.' Westnell comprises two partner organisations: **Westnell UK**, which is registered as a charity in the UK, and the **Sociedad Infantil Westnell**, a registered charity in Peru run by nursery staff and community members. The Peruvian charity runs the nursery, organises events and seminars for parents and manages the team of staff. The UK organisation, through its committee of Trustees, exists to further the objectives of the Peruvian society by providing funds and support. It monitors the use of funds raised in the UK through regular reporting by the Peruvian partners and ensures that such funds are used effectively in achieving the objectives of the charity. It communicates with UK members through regular newsletters and other mailings.

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