



I would like to take the opportunity to give a quick update on the activity with the Talita Kum orphanage in Peru and to thank everyone involved.

Talita Kum is home to over twenty children. Children range in ages from two to eighteen.

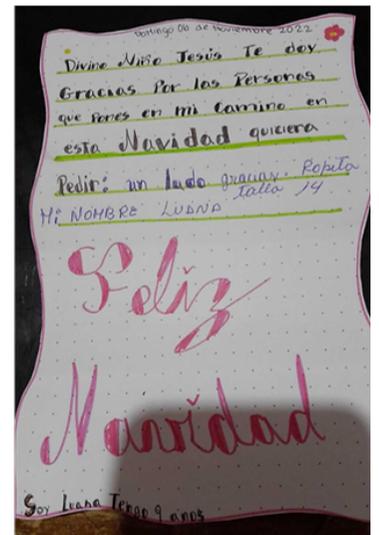
Talita is not a 'business', the organisation is run by a missionary nun for the benefit of the children. Local volunteers make cookies and other items with the children which are sold to help with the upkeep.



We committed to supporting Talita Kum with their basic needs and also with some treats which included:

- Financial: paying the building rent and school transport costs.
- Providing food and hygiene products.
- Christmas party on the 23rd December:
  - Christmas meal
  - Games with a children's entertainer
  - Personalised gifts. The children are writing a letter to Santa and this year they will get what they have asked.
- Arranging a day out to visit a zoo.

The children wrote their 'Santa' letters. Most asked for very basic things such as shoes and other essentials, so we asked again, specifically about toys. Toy requests include dolls, Ludo, Monopoly and zombies!!



I had the zombies in my suitcase :-). Other gifts were bought locally.



Plans were a little disrupted with the social unrest in Peru, but the team bought gifts, as well as party food and some basic necessities for the home.



The party was a great success and a very happy and emotional day for all the team. On arrival we were immediately greeted with hugs.

We quickly prepared the room, assembling and decorating a Christmas tree in record time and putting the presents underneath.



While the party took place, we prepared the meal. The entertainer was brilliant and the room was filled with noise and laughter as the children chased balloons, played games and took turns being inside a giant bubbles. Most of the Advantage team joined in too.



After the meal we called each child to collect and open their presents. The other children clapped and chanted open it and were super excited for the person receiving the gift. This was amazing. There were a few happy tears and happy dances.



Several children hugged and thanked each member of the team. The smiles were absolutely priceless.

Milagritos had asked for a bike. We kept this hidden until the very end. My father in law, Hector made a show of being forgetful and then made a grand entrance.... riding into the room to shouts of delight.

Hard to say who was more surprised, me or the children 😊.



## Zoo Trip

This was slightly delayed due to riots taking place in the country, but went ahead on the 27th Jan. Huge thanks to James at Polar Insight Ltd. for his support. We named the coach the 'Polar Express'.



Aitana is one of the smallest girls, but the most enthusiastic at table football!



Sister Maria does amazing work and had dedicated her life to helping the children. It is our privilege to share their story and to continue to support.

I would again like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved, ICG members, clients, colleagues, friends, family and team. You made this possible.

If you are seeing this for the first time and like what we are doing please share and if you would like to help, please do get in touch. Alternatively, we also have a JustGiving page:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/talita-kum-orphanage?utm\\_term=3Kka6krGe](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/talita-kum-orphanage?utm_term=3Kka6krGe)

Many thanks

Kevin