

BOLIVIA, LA ALDEA CRISTO REY from 2005-2025

Give a child a safe place

La Aldea means village. Cristo Rey is a place where children are housed, while their parents are imprisoned in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Earlier these children lived inside the prison, together with their parents, because there were no alternative possibilities. Luckily this has changed since a couple of years, because the fathers Augustinians now take care of a number of children in 'La Aldea', when there is no other possibility within their families.



Perspective 3000 knows this project since 2005, but visited it again only in 2017. This visit resulted in the start of a new initiative from Perspective 3000 Foundation in 2020.

UPDATE 2025 STOP PROJECT 'La Aldea Cristo Rey' in Bolivia.

Since 2024 the children are the responsibility of the Bolivian Government. Therefore, our activities stop.

In 2023 en 2024 € 2000, - for school uniforms and shoes.

End of 2023 we again donated € 2000, - for Christmas gifts. When we planned a visit to the project in March 2024, we however heard that La Aldea had stopped existing. All children were divided over different government orphanages. Our contact in Bolivia still was in frequent contact with the children, so we decided that the donation could be used for school uniforms and shoes instead.

IN 2022

We donated € 2000, - to buy Christmas clothes, sportswear and presents as well as a new computer.



2020 Renovation Library. Costs € 10.000, -

At the moment this library is out of date and needs renovation. Therefore, it is not an inspiring place for children and youngsters. Perspective 3000 Foundation wants to raise an amount of € 10.000, - to transform this library into a dynamic learning and recreation room. It wants to do so with the support of Wild Geese and its donors. Also, we like to add children's reading books, games and handicraft materials.

2020 Renovation kitchen. Costs € 5.000, -

The common kitchen of 'La Aldea' is out of date as well and desperately needs an uplift too as well as new pots and pans. An amount of € 5.000, - has been asked for this.



IN 2020 We realized € 20.000,-together with Wilde Ganzen.

Not only the library and the main kitchen were renovated, but all smaller unit kitchens as well. The result is wonderful and in use immediately.



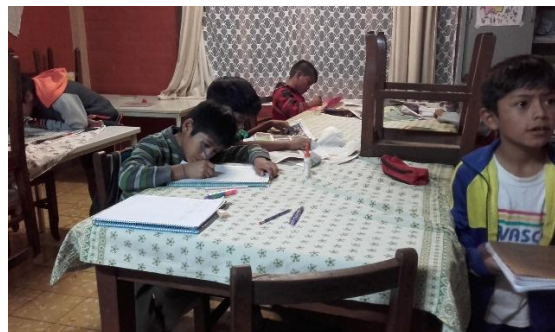
2017 Introduction to 'La Aldea'.

In 2017 we visited Cochabamba and went to 'La Aldea Cristo Rey', where children are housed. Their parents are imprisoned and there is no other possibility within their families to shelter them.

68 boys and girls between 3 and 18 years, temporarily live in 'La Aldea' at the moment. In this children-village they live in small houses, with a maximum of 10 children each, together with a foster parent, to give them the feeling of a family life. We were impressed and asked if Perspective 3000 could do something for 'La Aldea'. In 2019 we received a request for the renovation of their library and to transform it into a multi-functional room. Here children not only would be able to study and read, but also have their cultural and creative activities and workshops [singing, dancing, drawing, painting and so on]



2017 La Aldea



2005 Children live together with their imprisoned parents in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

In 2005 we visited the prison of Cochabamba. We had heard that children lived there together with their imprisoned parents. We bought children's games and organised an afternoon to entertain the children. Nice? Yes, of course. Useful? Maybe. We did this only once, as we saw more organizations were focussed on the same activity. We understood that the nursing faculty of the University, under supervision of nuns, were taking care of the medical side of the children and the people in prison. Luckily, for a number of years now, there is the opportunity for these children to grow up in a safe environment outside prison and at the same time keep in touch with their parents.



Our Cochabamba prison visit in 2005