



Azul Wasi Newsletter

Spring 2025

News of Alcides

The situation at Azul Wasi continues to be challenging for Alcides. We have been in close contact with him over the past months as he has been trying to find a positive solution for his deteriorating eyesight.

In May Alcides went with his wife Mabel to a leading eye clinic in Bogotá (Colombia), which was recommended by Olga from our congregation, since he was unable to find the help he needed in Peru. Alcides spent 12 days there undergoing extensive tests, but sadly he has been told that there is no treatment or cure for his eye problem and the only help they could offer has been some new glasses which should enable him to read more easily. This has been a severe blow for him and his family. Of course driving remains impossible, which makes everyday life at Azul Wasi difficult for him.

We wait to see how it may affect Azul Wasi in the future, but Alcides remains determined to see the present cohort of 12 children through until they can be independent. So we will continue to support the children who are living there in whatever way we can. The regular donations enable us to be able to continue to send our normal monthly sum to pay for food, and when our funds allow, we will offer extra financial help as needs arise.



Life at Azul Wasi



Over the past few months we have received a number of very generous individual donations which we have sent straight to Alcides, in addition to the regular sum of £925 for food. This enabled him to purchase the school uniforms and supplies for the children as they entered their new school year in March.

While Alcides was away, Dante and his wife Victoria were in charge of the children, and everything continued as normal, with school, homework and of course the daily chores that need to be done and time for fun and relaxation.

The children seem to be doing well and have recently been enjoying some sports events that were organised by their school, including football and athletics.



Recently they celebrated Wilmer's birthday with cake and a party. These are always special occasions as in any family.

It was fortunate that when severe flooding hit many areas in Peru in March and April, they were not affected this time in the Cusco area.

Thank you for your support

In every message we receive from him, Alcides thanks the congregation of St Andrew's Church and all those who support Azul Wasi most warmly for their support both in funding and in prayer, and there is no doubt that having an assured regular contribution from us is very helpful and reassuring for him. Thank you to all our donors for your generosity in making this possible.

The children and staff at Azul Wasi remember the people at St Andrew's in their prayers. We ask you please to continue to pray for Alcides, for his wife, Mabel and for Dante and Victoria and their own families, and above all for the children who are being given a loving and stable home when they might otherwise be living in vulnerable circumstances.



Alcides is an inspiring Christian who, through his trust in God, has been a loving father to these, and so many more, vulnerable children and given them the hope, education, skills and resilience for a brighter future. We feel it is a privilege to have been able to be part of this unique family over the last 19 years, and we thank you for your generous support.

Helping to feed the children

Your support and donations enable us to continue our commitment to send £925 a month to Azul Wasi. If you would like to become a regular donor, or make a one-off donation, you can do this via the St Andrew's website <https://www.standrews-chesterton.org/azulwasi> or by contacting us.

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