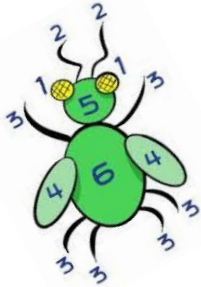




## Azul Wasi Newsletter

Spring 2026



**Azul Wasi Beetle Drive on Sunday 26 April  
in St Andrew's Hall, Chesterton  
Doors open at 5.45pm with a prompt start at 6pm  
Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children  
A special family price of £25 for 2 adults and up to 3 children**



**Please come and support Azul Wasi, and also the Youth Group who are helping to run it!  
The money raised will help to pay for food for the children and staff at Azul Wasi.**

***Please do read on to hear news from Azul Wasi – they are going through a difficult time.***

We continue to keep in close touch with Alcides and it is clear that things have been very difficult for him. Apart from his ongoing health problem regarding his deteriorating eyesight, Peru is experiencing severe political instability. In March 2026, José María Balcázar was inaugurated as the ninth president in a decade. There is a high crime rate, and frequent, often violent, protests.

Add to this the recent problem regarding the lack of gas due to a rupture on 1<sup>st</sup> March in the long gas pipeline which runs from the Camisea gas fields on the eastern side of the Andes. For over 20 years Peru has relied on this for much of its energy needs: many cars in Peru run on LPG (Liquid Petroleum Gas) and it is also used in the production of electricity and widely used domestically. The fault cut off the supply of gas throughout the whole country for quite a while. We were glad to hear from Alcides that the pipeline has now been restored and we hope that the gas and electricity supplies will soon get back to normal. We also heard from Alcides that during this state of emergency all public employees had to work from home and so online schooling was brought in, which posed problems for the children and staff at Azul Wasi.

Not only did prices rise as a result of the broken pipeline, but the cost of living in general in Peru has risen sharply lately. They, like us, are affected by the rising prices caused by the current situation in the Middle East.

And on top of all this, the country has also been experiencing heatwaves and exceptionally heavy rain, provoking landslides, driven by a 'coastal El Niño' (warming of sea temperatures off the Peruvian coast).

So we ask for prayers for the *Azul Wasi* family, that they may be kept safe and fed, that the rain will abate and that the economic situation will be brought under control.

**Now for some more positive news!**

### **Lisandra can walk much better now**

Lisandra, one of the two girls, has had problems with her hip and we are pleased to hear that she has now got some orthotic insoles which are helping her.



## Back to school

The children returned to school at the end of February and, thanks to some individual donations, we were able to send an extra £500 to help towards the purchase of school uniforms. We are sure you'll agree that they look very smart!



## Rising costs – would you like to become a regular donor?

Given the many problems they are facing, we have decided to raise the amount we send each month from £925 to £1000. It is quite a time since we increased it, and we feel it will help them just a bit with their food costs.

Most of the money we have available for this comes from the generosity of people, many of whom are from St Andrew's, who make a regular donation via a Standing Order. If you feel you would like to become a regular donor, you can download the forms on the St Andrew's church website (*see the very bottom of the page in the link below*), or at the back of the church. One-off donations are welcome too and can be done by card on the same link below, or on the card machine in church (choose Azul Wasi), or in cash or by cheque directly to us. <https://www.standrews-chesterton.org/azulwasi>

## Thank you for your support

Alcides is very grateful to the congregation of St Andrew's Church and all those who support Azul Wasi for their support, both financially and in prayer. Thank you to all our donors for your generosity in making this possible. We continue to pray for Alcides, for his wife, Mabel, for Dante and Victoria, who look after the children on a day-to-day basis, and for the children at Azul Wasi who are being given a loving and stable home, after their difficult starts in life.

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