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Multi-lateral Financing Makes Reconstruction Possible

Coprodeli was very excited to celebrate the opening of its new school in Chinchá on March 5, 2009 and later, on March 20, proudly inaugurated a new school in Canete, thanks to the financial support from the Departments of Andalucía and Madrid (primary financiers), Regional Government of Lima, and the Regional Director of Education for Lima Provinces. In April, a third school was opened in Ica that was financed largely by Backus (packaging and



bottling company) and by various private donors. The schools will provide education to primary and secondary students, eventually matriculate 500 students, and offer daily classes from 8am-5pm, 4 hours longer than most public schools in Peru. The schools are part of the greater reconstruction efforts following the 2007 earthquake that destroyed the region. They are the first phase of multiple projects that over the next 12-24 months will build 4 community urbanizations. Each development will include a school, between 200-1000 homes (all with access to water, sanitation, electricity, water, paved roads and sidewalks), a center for at risk youth, a public library, medical clinic, and center for humanitarian aid distribution to the community. In Ica and Pisco, the urbanizations will also include an Industrial Park for micro-business development and entrepreneurial support.



Coprodeli has built a medical clinic in Chinchá, which began operation in March 2009. With funding from the municipality, Coprodeli conducted an outreach and awareness campaign promoting the services that would be available to the community. Three more clinics will be built over the next year providing Coprodeli's urbanizations, as well as the surrounding communities, services in primary healthcare, obstetrics, pediatrics, radiology, dentistry and pharmaceuticals.



Coprodeli's for-profit construction company, COPROVIDIG - Coprodeli Promueve La Vida Digna (Coprodeli Promotes Dignified Living)- is one of the leading technical entities for the reconstruction in the Ica Region. They have rebuilt 674 stand alone homes, with 40 currently in progress, for homeowners whose houses crumbled when the earthquake struck in August 2007. Coprodeli offers one and two story models. The one story model is the most affordable, and therefore the most popular. Its construction design includes the option to build a second story at a later date, if desired. The average cost of each single story home is approx. \$7,000. It is financed by three parties: a Peruvian Ministry of Housing Subsidy (90%), Coprovidig (5%), and the homeowner (5%). Each home is built using earthquake resistant concrete blocks (instead of previously used adobe bricks or makeshift materials,) produced by microbusinesses supported by Coprodeli's Industrial park, and is equipped with running water, sanitation and electricity.

Setting the Record in DC and Chicago - Events Draw New Chefs and Guests

Despite the winter weather on March 29 in Chicago, 8 chefs from some of the top restaurants in the Windy City came out to participate in the 6th Annual Cocina de Coprodela event and celebrate Coprodela's 20th anniversary in Peru. And what a show they put on! Over 150 guests gathered at **Kendall College** to enjoy dishes such as salpicon de res, camarones de aguachile, and yellowtail ceviche tacos. **Fernando Fuentes and Luis Torrese** provided some sweetness with Peruvian style desserts and **Hugo Guiterrez** ensured guests enjoyed harmonious Andean music. **MillerCoors** provided all the beer for the event and **Brassfield Estate Winery** ensured that the wine kept flowing. **Three Monkeys Wine** Co-Founder Frank Bellizzi flew in from California to provide an exclusive wine tasting in addition to donating 10% of all purchases to Coprodela USA. 7 lucky winners walked away with fantastic raffle packages that included wine tastings, restaurant gift certificates, and a Napa getaway! In total, over **\$12,000** was raised for earthquake reconstruction in Peru! The successful event was organized by Katie Ferguson & volunteers Jennifer Wizarde, Mari Heavey, Manuel Avila, and Michelle Sheehy.

Then on April 9, 2009, nearly 160 Coprodela USA supporters came together at the third annual Washington, DC Cocina event. Held at the beautiful **Josephine Butler Parks Center**, guests had a wonderful time sampling tapas by **Ceiba Restaurant Chef Manuel Flores and Whitlows on Wilson**, wine by **Three Monkeys Wine**, and pisco sours with **Macchu Pisco**. Guests enjoyed a live flamenco performance by **Emily Mazzotti**, and mingling with old and new-found friends. The excellent food & drinks, entertainment, themed raffle prize packages, and most importantly, the company, helped make it memorable evening and **raised \$3,471** for housing reconstruction. Thank you to all of our generous donors, great volunteers, and wonderful guests who helped make these Cocina events a success!

Be sure to **visit the chefs** on their turf at:

Emilio Gervilla - Emilio's Tapas



Gustavo Castaneda -
ZOCALO Restaurant & Tequila Bar



Jason Mousseau -
SUSHISAMBA rio



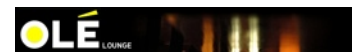
Chris Kaminski - Backstage Bistro at
International School of Culinary Arts



Tanya Baker - Sangria



Enrique Cortes - Ole Lounge



Gloria Hafer -
After School Matters Program



Manuel Flores - Ceiba



Whitlows on Wilson



Violeta Abad - Machu Picchu

DON'T GET LEFT BEHIND - JOIN THE MOVEMENT!

In Light of Toughening Economy, Volunteers Take Action



Friday the 13th party raises funds for Coprodeli

Chicagoans Monica Stockmann, Eric Shripka, Briana Morgan and Matt Martino were participants on Coprodeli's Volunteer Service Trip in the Fall of 2008. "After spending several days with the kids in Peru," said Eric, "we were inspired to do more and spread the great things that Coprodeli is doing. Friday the 13th is a day not known for good things to happen. Briana, Matt, Monica, and I decided to change that on Friday, February 13th, and host a Friday the 13th costume party to benefit Coprodeli." Guests at the party sported their best Halloween costumes, while engaging in conversations of Peru, Coprodeli, and the wonderful children of Pachacutec. "Our inspiration," said Eric, "inspired others, leading to \$400 in donations that will provide for the many needs of families in Pachacutec."



Painting Peru – Sales from art showcase to benefit Coprodeli

Nancie King Mertz is an award-winning Chicago artist participating in Coprodeli's Volunteer Service Trip in April 2009. She and a group of other volunteers plan to teach art lessons and painting techniques to the secondary students in Coprodeli's schools in Pachacutec. In addition to volunteering with Coprodeli, Nancie will extend her stay to paint the people and landscape of Lima and Cusco. These works in oil and pastel will be unveiled on **Friday, June, 5, 2009**, at an **Opening Reception to benefit Coprodeli**. The event will be held at **Art de Triumph & Artful Framer Studios** in Lincoln Park, 2936 N Clark Street, from 5-9pm. It is a *FREE* event showcasing her Peru collection and featuring Peruvian – themed food and entertainment, and wine. Enjoy the courtyard out back! *20% of all sales that evening will be donated to Coprodeli and general donations supporting Coprodeli programs will be welcome.* Please preview Nancie's work by visiting her website at www.nanciekingmertz.com.

Don't Miss the Opportunity to Join Padre Miguel for the next Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage: June 5-14, 2009

Engage with travelers from all over the world and be transformed as you share your life, love, and laughter with everyone you meet – all while raising funds to support the work of Coprodeli Peru among the poorest of the poor. Join Coprodeli Founder Padre Miguel Ranera in his native Spain to travel the ancient pilgrimage path to Santiago de Compostela.



This enlightening opportunity aims to expand one's faith while raising money for impoverished families in Peru.

The pilgrimage takes participants 150 kms through northern Spain along the Camino de Santiago de Compostela - the same path pilgrims have followed for centuries to the burial site of St. James the Elder, one of the most revered Christian pilgrimage sites in Europe. Travel the route with other pilgrims, stay in the picturesque inns & monasteries along the way, and experience the beauty of Northern Spain while helping to change the lives of the men, women and children served by Coprodeli. Pilgrims

embark from Madrid and visit the towns of Leon, Rabanal del Camino, Samos, Portomarin, Palas de Rei, Melide, Arzua, & Santiago.

Pilgrims fundraise \$3,000 (a tax deductible donation) with the help of local Coprodeli staff to support the work of the organization. That's only \$20 per km!! Honor Coprodeli's 20th anniversary and continued commitment to development in Peru on this spiritual journey! Contact Vanessa Keating at vkeating@coprodeli.org or (443-722-8682) for more information and sign up.

Service Trip Recap

Due to popular demand, Coprodeli USA is organizing 4 (!) service trips this year to Peru. In March, students from the University of Virginia dedicated their spring break to do service with Coprodeli in Peru. They spent five days assembling over 500 desks and chairs for the newly constructed school in Chinchá, site of one of the hardest hit areas by the 2007 earthquake. And their timing couldn't have been better - the school was inaugurated that same week and classes began the following Monday! Read three time Peru volunteer Miles Morrison's account below.

Currently, 15 volunteers (one of our largest groups to date) with the biannual spring service trip are in Callao and Pachacutec, spending time in the classrooms and dental clinics. They have organized various projects for the students and returning volunteer Dr. Neal Nealis will be putting his professional dentistry skills to good use.

In June, Board Member and Co-Founder of BOYANCI Wines, Tom Steffanci, is leading a group of friends to participate in another week of service with Coprodeli Peru. BOYANCI is donating 10% of profits to charity and we are very grateful that Coprodeli will be the initial recipient of this support. Read more at: <http://www.boyanciwine.com/>

The biannual fall service trip dates are September 3 - 11 and the trip is currently open to interested individuals. If you are looking for a challenging, rewarding, fulfilling experience and want to make a difference in someone's life, then we want YOU to join us this fall! The experience is a great opportunity for volunteers to use their skills, share their interests and hobbies, and give a little of themselves in any way they can.

Contact Katie Ferguson at 312.798.2391 for more information and sign-up. *Space is available, but trips are limited - registration is on a first come, first serve basis.

University of Virginia Students Return to Peru for Third Consecutive Year!

I have spent my last three Spring Break vacations volunteering in Callao, Pachacutec, Ica and Chincha with Coprodeli and I wouldn't change that for the world. The first year that I spent a week in Peru, I fell in love with the people and the mission of Coprodeli. Building rudimentary houses, directing projects in classrooms and playing with orphanage and outreach kids has been a challenging, rewarding and extremely fun experience.

This past March, was one of the most interesting trips that I have taken because I witnessed firsthand what Coprodeli can accomplish in just two years. While I realize that other students and I cannot change the world with a single week of volunteer service, I know that Coprodeli's dedicated and inspiring people, tireless efforts and continued support can literally change the lives of thousands of people. When I first saw Pachacutec, there were limited paved roads, half finished schools and crude homes. Though the government continues to present obstacles for the people of Pachacutec, roads and access have improved, the Coprodeli school looks like an oasis in the desert and home construction has undoubtedly progressed.



I cherish my time in Peru because of the wonderful people that I have met and because I know that Coprodeli will continue to fight for justice and foster a community of self-sufficiency in some of the poorest places in the world.

- Miles Morrison
University of Virginia
BA Spanish and Latin American Studies 2009

Volunteers roudly testing out the newly constructed desks.
Kate Wellons, Cameron Covington, Sarah Berry, Miles Morrison, Josh Katz, Theresa Gentile

More Than an Internship – A Life-Changing Opportunity

My time with Coprodeli has meant much more than just a semester-long internship. The work that the organization is doing and the lives they are impacting in Peru is something that (as cliché as it may sound) I truly believe in and am inspired to continue to be a part of, long after my official internship has ended. As a student working towards my M.A. in Latin American and International Studies at George Washington University, I have learned about certain realities that often leave me frustrated, wondering how these issues of socio-economic disparity can be ameliorated. Organizations like Coprodeli bring hope because they grant individuals the opportunity to actually break out of the cycle of poverty through meeting the fundamental needs of Peruvian communities – health, housing, education, and employment.

Throughout my internship with Coprodeli, I have had the pleasure to play a small role in making these integral projects a reality, whether it be through drafting grant proposals for clean water and sanitation projects or researching funding opportunities to place English teachers in Coprodeli schools. Through my involvement in these initiatives, not only have I gained practical skills in grant-making and project development, but I have also gained a greater understanding of the community-driven, grassroots-based manner in which Coprodeli fulfills the physical and spiritual needs of Peruvian communities. The commitment and dedication of the D.C. office staff is unparal-

leled, and in spite of the many responsibilities Alycia and Vanessa handle on a daily basis, they always ensured that my time as an intern was fulfilling and worthwhile.

Out of the hundreds of organizations in D.C., I feel very blessed that I had the opportunity to work with Coprodeli to practically and sustainably meet the needs of those less fortunate in Peru. My experience as an intern has been extremely valuable, and my relationship with the organization is one that I am committed to continuing to cultivate in the future. I'll see you all at Cocina 2010!

- Amanda Wade
M.A. Candidate 2010
George Washington University - Elliott School of International Affairs
Latin American & Hemispheric Studies

START SAVING YOUR SPRING CLEANING TODAY!

9th Annual Coprodeli USA Clothing Drive

Meeting basic, fundamental needs for the most vulnerable children and families in Peru by collecting and shipping humanitarian aid to be distributed through COPRODELI's Social Outreach Centers in Callao, Pachacutec, and Ica.

Sunday, June 14th, 2009

Donations accepted 7 am – 12:30 pm ON THE DAY OF DRIVE ONLY

Old St. Pat's Parking Lot (corner of Adams & Des Plaines)

To volunteer, contact: Katie Ferguson

kferguson@coprodeliusa.org (312)798.2391

CATEGORIES – 2009 WISH LIST

Gently Worn Infant, Toddler and Children's Clothes

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| - Diapers | - Pants & Jeans |
| - Infant sleepers, blankets, and baby clothes | - Socks, shoes, sneakers & NEW underwear |
| - Sweaters, sweatshirts & fleeces | - Knit shirts, polos and t-shirts |

Gently Worn Adult Clothes

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| - Sweaters, sweatshirts & fleeces | - Women's slacks, pants & jeans |
| - Jackets & coats | - Shoes, socks, sneakers & sandals |
| - Bras and NEW underwear | |

Sheets, Linens & Towels

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| - Bed sheets & sheet sets (Twin size preferred) | - Pillows & Pillowcases |
| - Comforters, bedspreads, blankets & sleeping bags | - Bath Towels |

Other Requested Supplies

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| - Sanitary napkins (Maxi pads of varying thickness) | - Kid's books (bilingual or primary level Eng.) |
| - Sun hats, sunglasses and baseball caps | - Adult books (Spanish only, please) |
| - Cell phones with chargers (that can accept SIM cards) | - School supplies (pens/pencils sealed) |

Social Venture Capitalists to Fund Outreach Center in Ica



IWell is passionate about empowering people to get directly engaged in the causes they believe in. The non-profit facilitates the connection between socially conscious individuals, groups, and businesses – *Social Venture Capitalists (SVCs)* – with communities in high need areas of the world. Together, these SVCs and poor communities partner to build critical life-sustaining projects – wells, toilets, childcare centers, etc – that meet the basic needs of poor communities and give them the opportunity to work for a living wage. This work is possible because average citizens are given the opportunity to choose a project and build a relationship directly with the community in need. They know who they are helping, where their money is going and the impact they're making.

IWell is running a pilot project with Coprodeli to support the nutrition program of the Subtanjalla District Youth Outreach Center (Centro de Atención Externa-CAE) in Subtanjalla, Peru. *Lead SVC "Mac" has energized 12 other investors to raise the \$955 needed to fund the kitchen for the CAE!* Another \$1,000 is needed for the CAE classroom and \$5,500 for the rest of the cafeteria. In the first year of operation, the CAE is projected to serve 50 high risk children and 30 parents as part of Subtanjalla's Center for Social Services, and double its capacity in the second year to 100 children and 60 parents.

Will YOU be our next lead SVC?

For more information on IWell and available Coprodeli projects, go to www.Iwell.org

Join the Coprodeli team!

Coprodeli USA has ongoing volunteer opportunities that support its mission and office operations. If you have skills or interest in Spanish translation, web support, graphic design, event planning, grant writing or University awareness, please visit our website at www.coprodeliusa.org or www.idealists.org for details.

2009 COPRODELI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring Service Trip: April 22 - May 1

Camino de Santiago (Spain): June 5 - 14

Clothing Drive (Chicago): June 14

Peruvian Independence Day (Chi, Wash DC): July 28

Fall Service Trip: September 2 - 11

Celebracion de Coprodeli (Chicago): October 23

Celebracion de Coprodeli (Wash DC) November 5