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# YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

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## Unprecedented Love Responds to Unprecedented Need

The Covid-19 pandemic has hit Peru hard. Most of the cases have been in Lima and large metropolitan areas, but the whole country began a strict quarantine in mid-March. But more recently Arequipa is the hardest hit. Travel limitations, in-home quarantines and curfews are still in place.

Schools will be closed for the remainder of the school year, **but thanks to you Casa Chapi's kids are still learning.** The Peru Ministry of Education has provided iPads for distance learning and trained our teachers to run virtual classrooms. *Quechua Benefit's reading plan, which is at the heart of your kids' education, continues to improve their reading skills.* Teachers administer monthly reading assessments via WhatsApp.

your kids during the school year, but now the kids are at home with parents who are unable to work. **Because of you, we are delivering a 30-day food supply to each of our 150 Casa Chapi families every 30 days until the country reopens.**

*Dilber and his family of 10 were excited when Quechua Benefit's van arrived with a month's supply of food along with schoolbooks for him and his brothers Rildo and Vidal. Dilber says gracias!*



Your generosity is providing rice, beans, and essential food supplies to our Casa Chapi families in the remote areas of the highlands. Families count on Casa Chapi to care for



*Maria Fernanda, her single mother and five siblings are grateful for schoolbooks and provisions during the pandemic shutdown.*



## A Word from Alejandro in June



When he was granted permission to travel in June, Quechua Benefit's Peru Country Director Alejandro Tejada immediately began traveling to the villages of the Colca Valley to deliver food and schoolbooks to Casa Chapi families. Alejandro told us about his visits:

*"I saw our kids after two and a half months. Those days were very emotional for the kids and me. They miss attending CASA CHAPI and their teachers. I promised them when the Coronavirus passes, they will go to Casa Chapi again. In the meantime, they have to study."*

*"I have given them food and books for reading plan. The teachers will be able to give reading assessments regularly. The families have problems with the internet and cell-phones. I explained to them that when the big companies open, we will support them."*

Quechua Benefit needs to raise \$15,000 per month to feed the kids and their families.

Donate online at [QuechuaBenefit.org/donate](https://QuechuaBenefit.org/donate)

## Your Generosity is Saving Lives

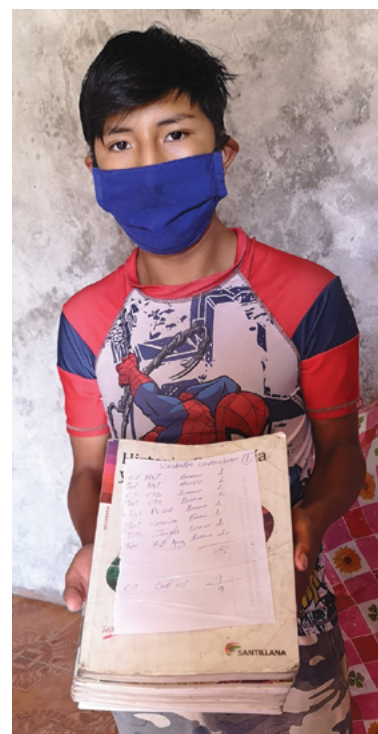
When Alejandro delivered food and school supplies, one of his stops was in Callyoma, where Washington lives with his parents and nine siblings. His younger sisters Michell and Edith also attend Casa Chapi. Their illiterate mother and ill father are grateful that ***you have made it possible for their children to receive a quality education at Casa Chapi that will give them skills to provide a good future.***

Washington, a 7th grader this year, proudly displays his recent report card with straight "A's"! Even while studying at home, he is maintaining excellent grades. He loves football and enjoys

his communication and art classes. He has a dream to become a pilot or maybe a soldier in the army.



Alejandro delivers food and books to Edith, Michell and Washington.



Washington displays his straight A report card.

**Text to Donate: Text CCHFAMILIES to 44321**  
for Covid-19 relief for Casa Chapi families

## Anemia Treatment

Along with food and schoolbooks, **your generosity is helping Quechua Benefit keep our Casa Chapi kids healthy.**

Claudia, our nutritionist, traveled to administer anemia and parasite testing and treat the kids with iron supplements.

Quechua Benefit's protocol has decreased the **rate of anemia among our students to less than 10%**, compared to nearly 47% in the school age population of Peru.



Claudia tests Saul for parasites and anemia at his home in Caylloma.

# An Unforgettable Face

In 2014 Quechua Benefit volunteer Dr. Jim Gallagher took a snapshot of a little girl in Lari. **He just couldn't forget her angelic face.**

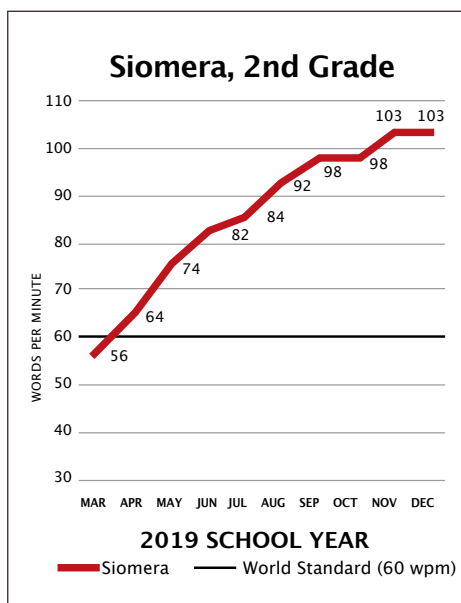


*Siomera was just a toddler when Dr. Gallagher took her picture in 2014.*

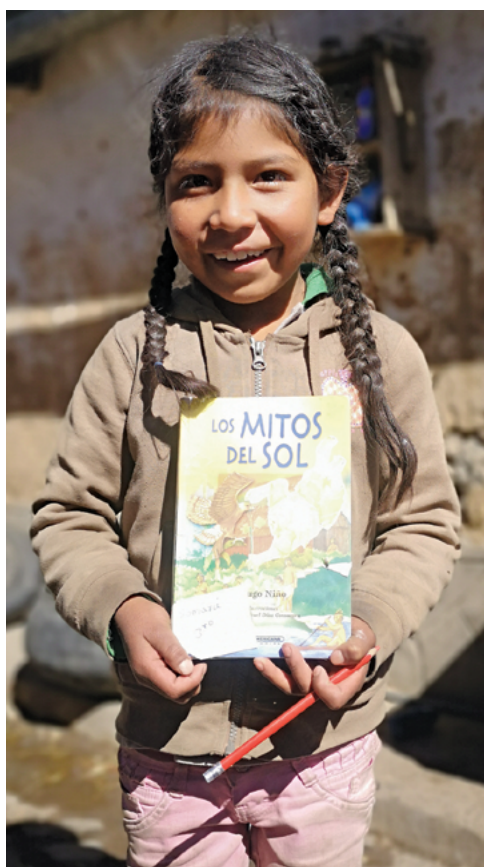
That photo started a two-year search that found Siomera and introduced us to her family. The entire family was afflicted with anemia. This discovery launched our current anemia prevention program.

Siomera's brother Dante was the first to attend Casa Chapi, and Siomera followed when she was old enough to begin first grade. **Siomera is now a happy 3rd grader who is doing well in school.** She misses being at Casa Chapi, but she is doing well in her schoolwork and keeping up with reading assessments.

*You can see the story of the  
"Searching for Siomera"  
when you visit  
[YouTube.com/QuechuaBenefit](https://www.youtube.com/QuechuaBenefit).*



*During 2nd grade, Siomera made remarkable reading progress. Her score exceeded the world standard by 43 words per minute.*



*Today Siomera is thriving as a third grader at Casa Chapi.*

Quechua Benefit's  
**Strategic Plan  
for 2021-2025**  
is coming your  
way soon



Quechua Benefit works every day in the grinding poverty of highland Peru, and we, just like the people we serve, are survivors.

**Thanks to our loyal donors, along with our strategic partners, and generous board members, we will recover along with the economy and come back stronger than ever.** After 25 years on the ground in Peru, Quechua Benefit is used to overcoming challenges.

We are good at it. We intend to continue our core mission and live to fight another day.

You will soon receive our Strategic Plan for 2021-2025 which explains how you can help us accomplish our mission to break the cycle of poverty.

Call Dale Cantwell (303-902-4503) or Mike Safley (503-703-6020) with questions or to establish a long-term giving plan.



*Donor Spotlight:***Madeleine Fortmann and Patrick Budde**

Madeleine Fortmann of Oldenburg Alpacas and Patrick Budde of Westfalen Alpacas are passionate German alpaca breeders. Their love for alpacas initially connected them to Quechua Benefit, and they attended the 2018 Quechua Benefit Peru Tour.



*Patrick and Madeleine at the 2018 International Alpaca Fiesta in Arequipa.*

The Vicuña Chaccu in Pico-tani was a high point of the 2018 tour. No European had ever sheared a vicuña at Picotani, and no one there knew Madeleine shears thousands of alpacas a year. They handed her the shearing machine, and she

began her expert work on the vicuña. As she finished, loud clapping and laughter broke out. **Madeleine was proclaimed the “fastest gringa ever” to shear a vicuña!**



*Casa Chapi children quickly made friends with their German guests.*

The children of Casa Chapi captivated Patrick and Madeleine's hearts, and they enjoyed playing “futball” and getting to know the kids. **They are committed to Quechua Benefit's mission to break the cycle of poverty.**

This year, Patrick and Madeleine organized a fundraiser for Quechua Benefit together with the German alpaca breeders Gisbert and Marion Henning of Simagi Alpacas, Patrick Zetzmann of Dreamworld Alpacas and Wolfgang and Babett Eckardt of Miriquidi Alpacas. They raised \$9024 for Quechua Benefit. ***Thank you, Madeleine and Patrick, for your generosity!***

**Welcome Kris Wigger, New Board Member**

Kris has lived in Oregon for 30 years and has a long association with Quechua Benefit. Kris and his amazing wife Mimi Lettunich have traveled to

Peru several times and are enthusiastic about Quechua Benefit's work. Kris and Mimi have two teenage sons, Jaxen and Bennett.

Kris earned marketing and management degrees from Portland State University and was the captain of their football team. After a successful career

in medical sales, Kris joined Twenty-Four Seven, an experience design firm based in Portland. Taking on the roles of Account Executive and Director of Culture, he has spent the last 10 years working with clients around the globe to create and execute customer-centric programs that produce brand advocates.

As the Director of Culture, Kris has helped drive the tenet of One Life. This allows members of Twenty-Four Seven to bring all their passions to the workplace. Through this concept, community work has had a spotlight in the culture. His work advancing the lives of under-served children with Big Brother Big Sisters, CAMFED, Rosemary Anderson High School, The African Foundation, and Quechua Benefit has been in the forefront of these efforts.

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