



Rebuilding Children's Lives After Natural Disasters

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Dear **Happy** Friends,

**Ordinary People, Extraordinary Hearts - That's the story of the Happy Hearts Fund.**

Together with our dedicated volunteers, generous contributors, and corporate partners, we have been able to improve the lives of thousands of children that survived natural disasters. **Whether you are new to the Happy Hearts Fund, or if you have been a part of our mission for years, you are a part of that story.**

**HHF was proud to be present at last week's United Nations and Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) activities.** Through the participation of HHF founder and chair, Petra Nemcova, both of the events make a huge mark on the rest of the world through important decision making and taking action. **As all CGI members have to make a commitment and are accountable for it, changes are really created throughout the world.** The United Nation's focus was on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Millennium Development Goals and with lessons learned it has been stated that all goals can be accomplished.

We are equally grateful for the relationships that we have with volunteers throughout the world. One volunteer that recently joined our team is Isabel Collazos - who studied History at La Sorbonne in Paris for three years. **Recently, Isabel joined the HHF volunteer team and spent an unforgettable week, investing her time and talents into the precious children of the Francisco Perez Anampa Primary School in Tate, Peru.** Through her passion for art, Isabel was able to develop a relationship with the children and introduce them to creative ways of expression. The following is an excerpt of Isabel's report...



Isabel teaching students at the Francisco Perez Acampa school.

*During my stay in the Ica Region, I was impressed by the Huacachina Oasis, but I was even more impressed by the enthusiasm of Isabel, the principal of Francisco Perez Anampa School. Together, we organized art workshops in Ica so that I could spend a bit of time with children from each of the grades (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>) during the time that would last my*

*sojourn. The purpose of my trip was mainly to teach the children of techniques that they would enjoy and, in so, stimulate their creativity.*



Isabel taught the students a technique whereby they drew two images, cut them into strips, pasted them onto another sheet of paper, and folded it into an accordion shape to show a before and after drawing of their school.

*It was also important to me that they had the opportunity to feel proud of their work, so we organized an exhibition of their art projects. All classes started out with a small introduction to colors using the chromatic circle. They suggested which colors derived from primary colors and I explained to them, the difference between warm and cold colors. Afterwards, we began our different projects according to each grade.*

*I worked with the students in groups...Group 1: first and second grade, Group 2: third grade, Group 3: fourth grade, and Group 4: fifth and sixth grade. Lesson plans were prepared based on the age and skill set of the students. Whether it was through copying images from the chalkboard, cutting out shapes and tracing them, or learning the principals of symmetry – each student was challenged to see art through a fresh approach of creativity.*



Isabel poses with a class in front of their exhibition of artwork created with colored pencils and black pastels.

*As with everyone on the HHF team, we are grateful to Isabel for dedicating her time and talents to the students and most of all, opening her heart to them. To read Isabel's full report, log onto [www.happyheartsfund.org](http://www.happyheartsfund.org) and go to the "Latest News" section of the*

cover page. If you would like to volunteer in the field as Isabel did, please contact us at [helpnow@happyheartsfund.org](mailto:helpnow@happyheartsfund.org).

HHF receives specific donations to underwrite all administrative and fundraising expenses, allowing all public donations to support our programs. HHF is extremely grateful to our corporate partners – Continental Airlines, DLA Piper, HP and ING – for their philanthropic commitment to help build a future for children affected by natural disasters.

With our happy heartfelt wishes,  
Happy Hearts Fund Team

HHF is committed to help accomplish the UN's Millennium Development Goals (MGD's). In the meantime, we would love to hear from you! Let us know if you like our "HAPPY newsletters" and feel that they are informative. If you have any questions or comments on what you would change or programs you want to hear about please email us at [feedback@happyheartsfund.org](mailto:feedback@happyheartsfund.org). We would be really happy if you connect with us – remember, communication is a two-way street!