



Siloam's Ministry of Giving (2 Corinthians 8:6)

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Dear Siloam friends & investors

It was because of a former US President James Monroe in 1831 formulated 'the Monroe doctrine', stating that 'Britain and European countries should not intervene in the matters of South American countries', that the UK had very little involvement in the social evolution of this desperately poor country.

Since Peru was taken over by less than 200 Spanish conquistadors in 1532, most of the population has been oppressed by a small minority who have failed to share the wealth of the nation with the general population.

In more recent times, the country has suffered more from political unrest which is why many folk have to 'up sticks' and move to safer areas away from terrorists. This puts tremendous pressure on the established towns and cities and creates vast shanty towns known as 'Barridas'. Many are built illegally on government land but eventually they end up paying a kind of council tax when the area becomes more established.

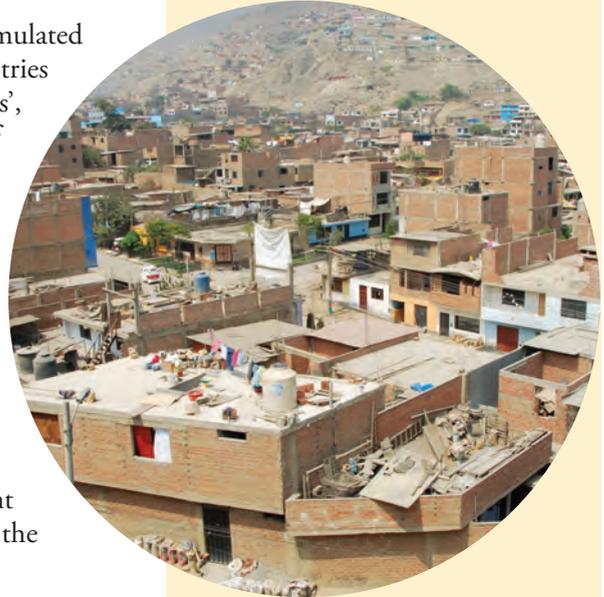
Siloam is privileged to work with our partners Childcare Worldwide to rescue people from poverty and to bring enlightenment in the form of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Apart from Childcare Worldwide's child sponsorship programme which provides educational grants and helps over a thousand children with the support of donors in the USA, Siloam U.K has come alongside to fund 'Leg-Up' ministries highlighted in our brochure enclosed.

By supporting with our 'Leg-Up' initiative, together we can empower families to start a small entrepreneurial micro business that could be an escape route from poverty.

In our brochure you will read how we can empower mothers to become food vendors, hairdressers, beauticians as well as seamstresses.

Not all project candidates are successful. But, we hope that the encouragement and inspiration we can instil by investing in the lives of these desperate, but dear people, we can make inroads



Many have fled to this vast shanty town known as Comas on the outskirts of Lima. Due to past political unrest, numbers of families have sought safety in the suburbs of the capital.



As more people arrive from different areas of Peru, they are forced to look higher up the steep slopes to find a place to build a house.



One of the 'Leg-Up' ministries Siloam has found successful is to provide a simple pushcart from which fast food, i.e. hamburgers, hot dogs, fried chicken can be sold to passers-by. This pushcart operated by Maxima Garcia was provided by the generosity of Mr Alec Williams.



for the gospel of the Kingdom of God. And, encourage these families, many of whom only have a lone parent, to be in a position to stand on their own feet and look after their children.

In 2016/2017 Siloam supporters furnished funds for 19 pushcarts which cost roughly £200.00 each.

12 of our supporters contributed the whole cost of one pushcart which was a tremendous blessing to those single mothers that received them. Other more modest gifts that were sent by supporters were accumulated together so that a further 7 pushcarts could begin trading on the hillsides of Comas. – Hallelujah!!

Also four U.K supporters wanted to give major donations to rehouse a needy family and so became benefactors to a few shown in our brochure. Actually, five new dwellings in total were provided - Praise God!

Gifts of £5.00, £10.00, £15.00, £20.00 or more when accumulated together, can help the dreams of many in great need, be realised.

When I return to this project in May, I want to assure our resident director Mrs Margot Alzamora Gonzales, that Siloam will continue to help her and her Childcare colleagues, to raise funds for these imaginative 'Leg-Up' ministries so that even more people can escape poverty.

Yours sincerely on behalf of those we love and serve



Richard Norton
Director-Siloam UK



The baking class was enthusiastically supported. We just hope that more mothers will take the initiative to bake and sell cakes to raise financial support.

P.S. If you would like a copy of my last visit report (April 2018) then please write 'Report' on your response form – Thank you

If you prefer, you can donate to our project: 032 in Pakistan – Please see our flyer enclosed.



No child should have to survive the dust and dirt that the hillsides of Comas afford. Helping a child like Ellie, will ensure a more secure future for her family.

If 200 supporters each donate £10.00, we can build another house on this hillside. Or, if 10 donors contribute £200.00 each we can rehouse another deserving family.



New homes also can be built for needy families for a cost of £2,000.00. This house was constructed for Mrs Tupa Neyri, as a result of the generous giving of Mrs Ruth Campbell.



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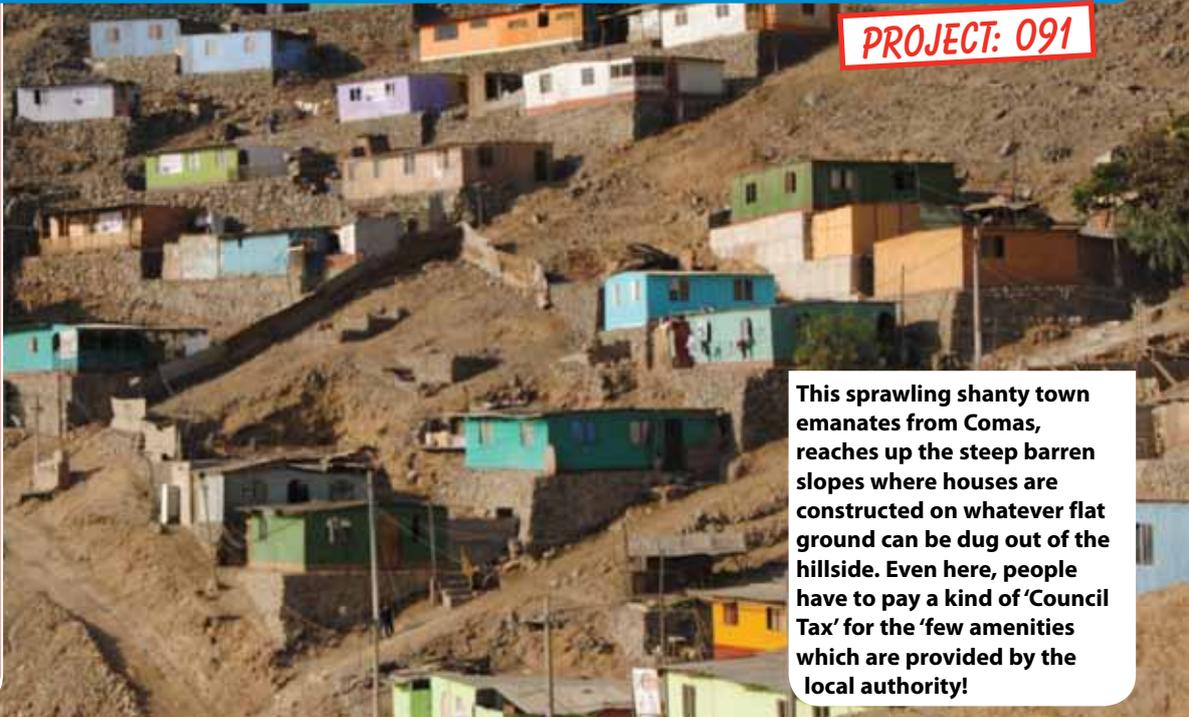


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GIVE A 'LEG UP' TO THE POOR IN PERU

Siloam has been assisting partners Childcare Worldwide in Peru since before 2000. We have worked alongside Childcare Worldwide to try and alleviate poverty in this desperate part of South America. In the past, project: 091 supplied funds for survival food parcels to needy families living in the shanty towns surrounding the sprawling suburb of Comas, about an hour's drive from Peru's capital Lima.



PROJECT: 091

This sprawling shanty town emanates from Comas, reaches up the steep barren slopes where houses are constructed on whatever flat ground can be dug out of the hillside. Even here, people have to pay a kind of 'Council Tax' for the 'few amenities which are provided by the local authority!



PUSHCARTS

By empowering a single mother to have an entrepreneurial 'Pushcart' from which she can sell sweets and crisps etc... she can at least have dignity as she becomes more self-sufficient as well as providing a useful service. The cost of this 'Pushcart' was donated by Mrs Vera Aston from 'the Black Country'.



UK Office Manager Mrs Teresinha De Aguiar Norton (far left) visiting the hillsides of Comas in 2017. Our Director for Childcare Worldwide Peru, Mrs Margot Alzamora Gonzales (on the right).



One of the most successful 'Pushcarts' in operation we have seen was fortunate to be located on the main busy street. Our driver Juan is happy to receive a sample takeaway meal. This 'Pushcart' was another provided by Mrs Vera Aston.



The 'Pushcarts' vary in their products for sale but usually they sell cooked food such as hamburgers, hot dogs or pieces of chicken. Sometimes desserts are offered and new dishes are always being experimented with to try and tempt passers-by to part with their money. This 'Pushcart' was donated by Mr & Mrs Gian and Rani Clare.



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BAKING



Another entrepreneurial or 'Leg-Up' project is the baking class and here we see the instructor Frank Martini who himself is a refugee from Venezuela teaching the students who have volunteered for the course so they can learn how to cook biscuits and cakes which they will later sell.



In the home of one of the struggling families trying to make ends meet, we see the youngsters also helping their mothers prepare cupcakes which will be sold later.



At the end of the course, trainees qualify and are gifted with a baking kit which costs around £120.00. This consists of a food mixer, a stand for the implements as well as a simple baking oven which can be powered by bottle gas. Single mothers in great need of personal support welcome this opportunity to try this escape route from poverty.



Trying to sell cakes and biscuits on streets and from door to door. This was viewed by the UK and USA visitors being partly successful but it shows that the selling of cakes can be a means of earning money for personal support.



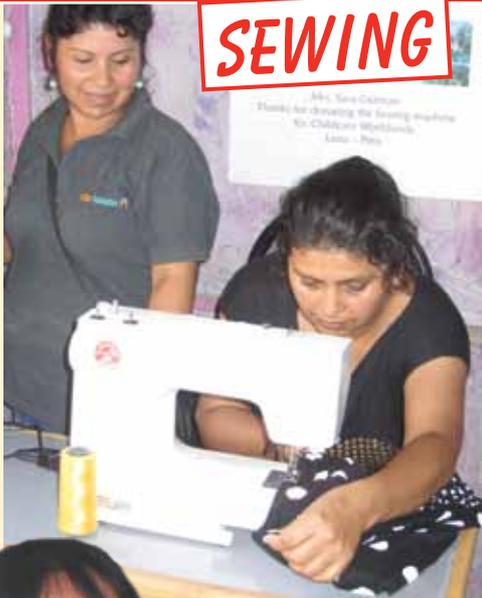
After the catering trainees have qualified at the end of their 12 week course, they are provided with food mixer and other implements required for them to start their own microbusiness. Here we see three of our Childcare Worldwide co-workers carrying the equipment up the steep dusty slopes to one of the homes of a qualified trainee.



Teresinha talking to one of the co-workers about distributing thermos flasks to those who need them. Perhaps giving things away in the past was not so inspiring as helping someone become financially self-supporting.

Trying to motivate people to become entrepreneurs and self-employed artisans is difficult. When the poor majority of the population feels it has been bypassed by the minority rich, there has been little motivation in the past for entrepreneurial encouragement

Providing ladies with a sewing machine has proved beneficial in other countries such as India and Pakistan to name but two. Here for £120.00 we can provide a sewing machine to help a mother become self-supporting. After the initial training by an instructor at the Childcare Worldwide centre, a mother is in a position to earn money to support her family.



SEWING

The Childcare Worldwide Director Mrs Margot Alzamora Gonzales stands with hairdressing instructor Yoelina Lopez.

In the training centre, every effort was made to help the trainees be inspired by photographs showing what could be achieved if they complete the programme.

HAIRDRESSING



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Making a simple garment for a child using creative skills helps a single mother to gain respect and self-worth by doing something useful with her hands.



A donation of £120.00 can provide an escape route from poverty by providing a sewing machine and the initial training required.



No, you are not seeing double, these are twins volunteering to receive a practice haircut by ladies who are being trained to be hairdressers and beauticians.

At the end of the training session the ladies put on a fashion show for the overseas visitors displaying the garments they are able to create on the sewing machines provided by Childcare and Siloam supporters.



Once trained and equipped, a mother with scissors, combs and other hairdressing kit are empowered to become self-supportive hairdressers in their own homes.

By equipping a mother with a simple kit of scissors, clippers, combs and a hairdryer, she can do haircuts for both men and women and provide beauty treatments as well.



Everyone should have a sound roof over their heads. By providing funds for a needy family, we can rehouse them in a comfortable but simple dwelling and help to instil dignity and a feeling of greater self-worth, which will empower their future employment prospects.

NEW HOMES



Teresinha visiting one of the houses which has been built on the hillsides outside Comas. This house was one of two sponsored by Siloam supporter Mr Alec Williams.



This house stands on a secure concrete base and is constructed with plywood walls with a corrugated iron roof. One Christian school in Doha in the Gulf has provided help to several needy families who now live in secure accommodation, at a cost of £2,000.00 each.



Simple cooking stoves and storage jars are also provided to set up a family and give them a 'Leg Up' and the opportunity they need to build a better future.



Inside these little homes basic furniture such as beds, chairs and a table as well as kitchen equipment is included in that £2,000.00.



Another supporter Mr D Holman made it possible for this family to live safely and securely in a new home. It was provided by the generosity of a Siloam supporter living thousands of miles away in the UK.



This new home was provided by the UK supporter Alan Hornsby who wanted to bless a family in Peru who needed a 'Leg Up.'



It is indeed humbling to meet these families and witness their great need but by helping them in this practical way, we can spread God's love to folk who never thought anyone cared about them in another part of the world.