



Newsletter for the  
Friends of Projecto Horizonte  
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## News—December 2011

Dear Friends,

The year 2011 is coming to an end. At Projecto Horizonte, this also signifies the end of the school year. In the news update, we bring you reports from the graduation events at the day-care center, the school, and the evening program.

We thank you all for your tremendous support this year which made the good work possible. Projecto Horizonte would not work without you. On behalf of all the children and the team we wish you a very Merry Christmas

Christian Ruehmer

### Need a Last Minute Present?

We can help! Give a family member, friend, or colleague the unique gift of sponsoring a child. For US\$ 15 per month, one child receives all the education and health care provided by Projecto Horizonte\*. You can purchase a sponsorship on our website with your credit card, and we'll email you a certificate with details within 24 hours. [Just click here to start a sponsoring.](#)



## Here are some examples of the activities at Projecto Horizonte!

### Promito 2011

On November 25th, 90 children of our group of 5-year olds graduated from the Centro Inicial (the Kindergarten). The event, called "Promito" was organized by our local team. For the first time, children from our neighbors in "Alto Litoral" also participated. This center is our first outlet and a successful test of replicating our programs outside our initial area. In true graduation tradition, children proceeded down a decorated aisle with their parents to receive their graduation certificate.



### Final Days at the School

The last day at the school was full of official activities, organized by the faculty of the school. First, each student received her personal book of achievements, evidence of passing and moving up on to the next grade. Registration for 2012 school year started immediately. Long lines of parents waiting to enroll their children confirmed the great demand for education. The highlight was the handing of certificates of excellence for outstanding students and of trophies for various sports events.



### Centro de Educacion Alternativa (CEA) 10 Students graduated from our Evening School.

This is the 4th year we have adults passing through this challenging program to receive a high school diploma. "The degree is my first certificate of education and a milestone on my way to a better job" says Cesar Camacho, one of the participants. He will continue his professional training to become an electrical-mechanic. Each year a different team member sponsors of the graduation. This year, our CEO,



Nicola Pauli was the godmother of the event.

### Christmas in Bolivia

Some call him "Santa Claus", others "Papa Noel". More important is the significance of this person in the mind of the children in Bolivia. The Holiday Season is a time of a series of solidarity events in the country, many of them organized by the media and charities. Throughout the whole month of December you can see parents coming from even very remote areas in Bolivia to the cities trying to find food or token presents. Projecto Horizonte will host an event on December 23rd together with the popular local TV station ATB. We expect



some 500 children to come. On the right you see the flyer which we use to promote the holiday party. For us, this event already has a lot of tradition. It is also an opportunity for many of our international volunteers to get to know the Bolivian traditions while they are away from their families this year. The families in Bolivia usually celebrate Christmas Eve at home with their children eating traditional cake or some other small pastry. The presents are usually small and simple. A doll or a car already make children's eyes shine!



### Vacation Program

Each year our volunteers organize a summer program for the children, which last from the end



of the school term until Christmas. This year, the program included classes in baking, English, juggling, sports and computer training. Especially the computer classes are very well attended with sometimes 20-25 children at a time. Some of the classes were used to prepare little Christmas presents as well. [See more pictures of this program on our Facebook Site!](#)

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\*Projecto Horizonte's cost per child are approx \$15/month. Donations generated through the program will cover PH's operating expenses