



Nurturing Curiosity and Community in Oropesa

January – March 2026 Report



Stronger Futures Take Shape in Cusco Perú

In the rural valley of Oropesa, Cusco, education is far more than a classroom requirement, it is a vibrant sanctuary where children discover their potential, nourish their bodies, and build deep roots of confidence. Throughout the first quarter of 2026, our holiday program at Picaflor House transformed the vacation season into an inspiring journey of academic growth, creative expression, and inclusive community support. Thanks to your dedicated generosity, our center provided a safe, joyful environment where the children of Oropesa could learn, explore, and dream without limits.

Quarterly Impact Overview at a Glance

- Average Monthly Attendance: 27 students actively engaged throughout the intensive vacation program.
- Nutrition Support: 1,025 balanced, healthy snacks and refreshments distributed to fuel learning and focus
- Educational Delivery: 138 intensive instructional hours delivered across foundational and creative disciplines
- Academic Enrichment: 100% participation in targeted vacation modules spanning English, Mathematics, Literacy, Computer Classes, and Hands-on Workshops

Sparkling a Passion for the Written Word

Our Reading Club took an innovative approach this semester to foster a natural, organic love for literature. Rather than assigning rigid, mandatory texts, our educators empowered students to choose books aligned with their personal curiosities. To track their journeys, we launched the "Lectómetro" (Reading Meter), an interactive visual chart where children proudly logged their names alongside the titles of completed books. This friendly challenge inspired a remarkable surge in reading volume, ensuring every single child completed a full book.

In March, the children transitioned from readers to authors, drafting, writing, and editing their own original stories. This milestone allowed our teaching team to systematically strengthen grammar and spelling while nurturing independent creative expression. Our students also participated in a workshop about the importance of plants in our lives and the ecosystem, learning how to care for them throughout their life cycle.



This period Performance and impact insights



1,025 meals served to support growth and learning



138 instructional hours delivered in key academic and digital-skills areas



26 Computer classes sessions



Sports and outdoor activities, including Student Day and a traditional Peruvian dance performance



Making Mathematics Participatory and Dynamic

To dismantle traditional anxiety surrounding math, our educators implemented the "Play and Learn" framework. Students used recycled materials to design and build their own mathematical board games, embedding complex arithmetic and problem-solving directly into the gameplay mechanics. In March, we introduced multiplication challenges and group tournaments, replacing rote memorization with energetic, collaborative competition that kept the classroom deeply engaged.

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Vocational Arts and Cultural Pride

Our practical workshops offered a rich variety of artistic disciplines, from ceramic modeling to traditional Japanese amigurumi crochet. A highlight of the term was our seasonal textile module, where students learned step-by-step techniques to knit their own winter scarves. For our preschool learners, interdisciplinary growth came alive through architectural stick modeling and hands-on counting games.



The entire holiday program culminated in a vibrant Closing Fair, where parents gathered at Casa Picaflor to witness live skill demonstrations, admire the crafts, and celebrate their children's dedication.

Excursions and Global Exchanges

Believing education must extend beyond classroom walls, your support enabled a memorable educational excursion to the Cusco Planetarium. For many students, this was a rare opportunity to travel outside Oropesa and marvel at astronomy and Andean constellations inside a giant projection dome, broadening their scientific horizons.

Additionally, we brought global cultures directly to our center through an interactive gastronomy workshop. Students learned to bake traditional cassava-flour cuñapés (bread), discovering Bolivian heritage while learning about regional geography and teamwork. In January, the children also enjoyed a hands-on fruit salad preparation session, exploring nutritional values while learning essential daily hygiene practices.



Expanding Literacy and Empowerment in the Andes

High in the Andean peaks surrounding Cusco, geographic isolation often limits access to quality books, modern technology, and specialized educational spaces. Following a brief reflection period, we are thrilled to announce that the Mobile Library project has been powerfully reactivated. Thanks to a vital strategic partnership with the New Zealand Embassy for Chile, Peru, and Bolivia, our team conducted extensive coordination with local municipalities, school directors, and community leaders across Quillahuata, Pumamarca, Corao, and Kallarayan. This collaborative foundation ensures our return is deeply integrated with regional educational goals, restoring a moving sanctuary of hope, technology, and equity to rural families.



Mobile Library Impact Overview at a Glance

- 100+ Rural Children: Accessing mobile technology, laptop computers, and interactive digital literacy tools
- 35+ Primary Students & 12 Adolescent Girls: Actively engaged in the grand reopening in Quillahuata
- 35+ Registered Students: Socialized and awaiting the immediate launch in Pumamarca
- 4 Partner Communities: Quillahuata, Pumamarca, Corao, and Kallarayan integrated into our mobile routes

Transforming the SuperVan into a Mobile Digital Hub

Our newly acquired Changan SuperVan has evolved into a rolling technology laboratory, transporting laptop computers directly into the heart of rural sectors to bridge the digital divide. Led by a specialized technology instructor, children are acquiring foundational digital literacy in Microsoft Word and Excel, utilizing interactive educational software to stimulate reading, mathematics, and cognitive development.



Simultaneously, we updated our pedagogical methodologies by blending Montessori and Waldorf frameworks for autonomous exploration with Isabel Solé's active reading strategies and David Ausubel's meaningful learning principles, supported by new projectors, interactive storybooks, and specialized art supplies.

Women's Empowerment and Positive Parenting

Backed by New Zealand Embassy funding, we launched a semester-long adolescent track featuring weekly workshops for girls aged 12 to 16.



Facilitated by a specialized adolescent psychologist, these confidential sessions empower young women through targeted modules on self-esteem, legal rights, child safeguarding, vocational guidance, and reproductive health education. To ensure this progress is sustained at home, we introduced parallel monthly workshops for parents, equipping families with positive discipline tools while openly deconstructing historical machismo and gender inequities that traditionally confine young women to early domestic labor.

Celebrations in Quillahuata & Launching in Pumamarca

Our grand opening in Quillahuata was an overwhelming success, welcoming over 35 primary school children and 12 adolescent girls alongside leaders from the San Sebastián municipality. The afternoon featured group reading circles, interactive comprehension games, creative art sessions, and a joyful community *compartir* with refreshments. Meanwhile, anticipation is moving fast in Pumamarca, located 25 minutes outside Cusco city, where our team completed community socialization sessions and officially registered over 35 eager students ready to receive our combined reading, computer, and empowerment tracks in the coming days.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

None of these milestones Camila's inclusion, Sofia's plush keychain, or the wonder experienced at the Cusco Planetarium—could exist without your dedicated support. As we transition into the formal academic year, our focus turns toward expanding outreach to new rural families, renovating our community greenhouse, and implementing industrialized academic tracking systems.

By standing alongside Globalteer and investing in Picaflor House, you ensure that the children of Oropesa grow up surrounded by safe spaces, continuous education, and the unshakeable belief that their dreams matter. Thank you for making this future possible!