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The Family Hanco Huamanhuilca

Chupani



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In the family of Antonio Hanco Puma and Gregoria Huamhuillca Rios live the children Santos (15 years), Celja (12 years), Roxana (10 years), Ronald (6 years) und Vidal (4 years). During the week Santos has to stay in Patacancha where is attends the secundaria.

We couldn't make a picture of the whole family as the kids were in school. Antonio was helping with the laundry. They live from agriculture, the Inca Trail and handicrafts. Their main problem is the fact that the work as porter at the Inca Trail is paid very badly and therefore they never have enough to satisfy their basic needs let alone the school for the children. Therefore the handicraft is very important for Gregoria but she also has the problem with selling. Each time when we are in one of the two communities a woman is approaching us to ask when we would start with the handicraft part of the project. It really hurts every time to tell them that they have to wait until the beginning of next year.



Their house is typical for Chupani. In contrast to Chaullacocha adobe bricks are not used because of the lack of material to make them and therefore it is completely made from stone. They have built theirs so well that there is not one hole in the walls. The problem on the other hand is that it is always completely dark. If somebody enters the house without knowing it then there is no way for orientation.



Like in all other cases the whole family sleeps in one bed with the obvious consequences. The area above the bed is used for potato storage. These are the good ones which don't have to be dried and frozen.

It is obvious that they want to improve the situation in their house and light. Of course the installation of a PET lamp was a huge success immediately. In addition they want to have it in a more healthy condition and improve their personal hygiene as well to avoid the classical illnesses. Therefore they have a high confidence in our project..

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There is another big difference between Chupani and Chaullaccocha. The distance between the two villages is 5 kilometers only and the road is in a pitiful condition. If a NGO or the town arrives with something to distribute then they usually never go until Chupani. Consequently the families in Chupani never received any information about schools and education possibilities for their children. But Antonio and Gregoria do know the biggest problems already and consequently they would like that their children could go to school in Urubamba and learn a profession. But the family income is by far too low to pay for that. They know that there are not jobs in the community and so they want their children to live in the town in better conditions. But the low level of the school prevents that dream from being fulfilled.

