



FRIENDS OF ALALAY (SANTA CRUZ)

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My last two newsletters described the many good things that have been achieved with the street kids over the past ten years. I'm now thrilled to report that the total money that we've raised exceeds £200,000, all of which has been used to help the children to help themselves. None of this would have been possible without the practical support of so many individuals, groups and organizations – for which my heartfelt gratitude.

In this Christmas edition of my newsletter I am going to describe briefly two new projects. These are in addition to our many ongoing activities, including the vocational training of a number of adolescents.

Firstly, on an early visit nine years ago we built a simple wooden play area for the children at the aldea (the out-of-town centre), comprising a seesaw, swings, a wooden static aeroplane, a Wendy House and some ropes between trees. A couple of years later this was followed by swings and a metal slide, which have now reached the end of their useful life. To mark our ten years as a charity we plan early in the New Year to provide a completely new equipped play area, similar to that shown here.



Children's play equipment



Home-made panettone

Our second project involves making many thousands of panettone at our Santa Cruz bakery and selling them in local markets. Based on our experience of 2015 we should achieve a net profit of £1.50 on each one – making a very useful contribution to our funds in Bolivia and supporting our policy to invest in self-financing projects in which the children can also develop new skills.

Finally, Alalay recently received the highest civilian award that can be given by the House of Deputies of the Bolivian Parliament - the "Illimani de Oro" - given to "meritorious institutions of the plurinational state of Bolivia". Friends of Alalay has been asked to share in the citation issued with this award and was thanked for its contribution over many years.

Please take a look at my website for more information.

*A very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful
New Year to you all from the children
and me!*

Annie Syrett, Eastern Ukraine - December 2016

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