



# FRIENDS OF ALALAY (SANTA CRUZ)

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## LATE SUMMER 2017 NEWSLETTER

After three very happy months in the UK I have now returned to my work in Ukraine and I continue to run Friends of Alalay from there!

In my last newsletter I described some of our adolescent boy students in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, who had successfully graduated in catering. Vocational training continues to be one of the main thrusts of our work currently and we have a number of other students who are progressing steadily through their training – a few are struggling but others are coping well in disciplines as varied as executive secretarial work, computing and IT, accounting, hairdressing and beauty, general technical work and dance instructing.



University scholarship



Dance instructor

The boy shown on the left was in a terrible condition when he first came to Alalay, having been living on the streets alone and begging, and needed considerable medical and psychological care. More recently he was so keen to become a dance instructor that he finished his course in half the time (by attending double the planned sessions each week!). One girl has been so successful in her vocational training as a secretary that she has now been awarded a scholarship to study at a prestigious university in La Paz.

As I have already said, a few others are struggling but so far this year no student has dropped out of their course

In addition to this and our other work (for example paying the salaries of house mothers), we have agreed for one year to take responsibility for funding sixty of the children at Santa Cruz through their normal day-by-day schooling – since we don't currently have all the funds, this is something of an act of faith!

Our support will provide books, uniforms, sports clothing and equipment, away educational trips and any extra-curricular charges,



Primary class

I try hard to keep my website up-to-date and give the latest news – please if you have a moment, do take a look. I'm very grateful for your continuing encouragement.

Annie Syrett, Severodonetsk, Ukraine – August 2017

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