

Kids at the Crossroads (KATC) had another great year. It is an honor for us to share the progress we made in 2016, to identify a couple of 2017 initiatives, and to THANK YOU for your support.

2016 Accomplishments:

- The After-School program had an average of 106 students per day last year. The children came to the KATC location in Ayacucho after their normal school day and during school vacations to participate in study sessions, receive assistance with their homework, have a safe location to play, and to receive a healthy snack. We served over 26,000 snacks and meals. In addition, last year KATC contracted a part time Psychologist to work with the children, parents, and staff to improve communications and encourage positive behaviors.
- The Rural Schools Program provided essential school supplies to 170 children and basic teaching materials to two schools in remote villages outside of Ayacucho. In addition to our regular assistance, KATC provided warm, waterproof coats to 148 children, 10 portable heaters for classrooms, and partnered with the parents association to make monthly food deliveries to each school.
- This past year you also helped 1,750 children in 14 villages enjoy the fun and excitement of Christmas by giving them a new toy and a special Christmas food treat. The majority of these children live in extremely poor villages in the remote highlands of the Andes. For many, it is the only toy they have ever owned.

2017 KATC Plans:

- This year we will start a teen program (Youth at the Crossroads) using existing space and resources as much as possible. Our goal is to provide a supervised place for older students to hangout, have organized activities, and gain new skills as they transition into adulthood. A teen center will advance our mission to teach teens to "... break the cycle of poverty ...and become productive, responsible, and self-sufficient adults".
- In our After School program we will continue to provide regular classes to reinforce student learning, but will increase our support to students with more remedial learning needs. Our Psychologist will expand efforts to promote the health and well-being of the children, parents and staff.
- In the Rural Schools Program we will work to identify an additional village to partner with to support their children's education needs. We will continue efforts to provide supplemental food support, and purchase coats for new students or those who have outgrown their coat from last year.
- KATC will research the possibility of starting a program in a rural village for local girls who have graduated from high school and would like to further their education.

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Thank you for your generous support and we look forward to another great year in 2017,

The KATC Board of Directors.