

Muchas Manos

This is
Bregje.



She was my English teacher when I was 13, but after that year she moved to Huancayo, Peru. She started a foundation, Muchas Manos, to improve the living conditions for women in this extremely poor region. Bregje's work isn't charity: instead, she helps these women help themselves, by providing workshops and education, legal and psychological help, and distributing donations from other organisations to the women. She works very hard to improve the quality of life in her area.

A while ago, I read on her website that it is really hard to come by English books in Huancayo. I realized that, being an English student with too many books and knowing many fellow students with even more books, I could help her out. After sending out a request to some friends for help, I managed to send a sizeable box full of books to Peru. The box had already arrived at Bregje's when my local library contacted me: they went through their collection and gathered a lot of English books that were too old or battered. I gratefully accepted their offer to donate the books to Muchas Manos via me, but hadn't realized exactly how many "a lot" meant. Finally, I managed to

condense the books from about 20 boxes to just 4.

Four boxes of English books for Bregje, which, unfortunately, never left the country (or my room, for that matter). See, here is the problem: sending four reasonably heavy boxes of books to Peru is quite expensive. And *that* is where you come in

I do not expect anyone to have € 200,- just lying around (if you do, call me!). But if you can spare a few euros, that would be of great help already. A beautiful piggybank – if I do say so myself – has been placed at the secretariat in Eyckhof 4; you may have seen it there. Feel free to leave your donations there! Alternatively, email me at siridewolf@gmail.com and I will provide you with my bank information. You can also email me any questions or comments.

It would be great if you (yes, YOU) could help me. Thank you very much in advance.

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