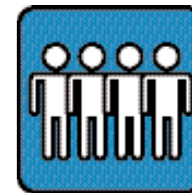


# Guitars for young street workers



30 street working young people in Santa Cruz de la Sierra in Bolivia were provided with alternative means of income generation by being given guitar lessons and guitars to make money by playing music on the streets. In ten 2 hr classes taking place between Nov 05 and January 06, the 17 boys and 3 girls were tutored by 7 young volunteer music teachers. The volunteers also created song booklets to enable the newly trained musicians to continue practicing after the classes were finished.

This innovative project was conceived and implemented by members of the youth organisation COIJ as a means of meeting the economic and social needs of street working young people. This was achieved by providing students at the government provided educational facility MITAI with a creative skill in classes where they could socialise with other young people in similar circumstances and also the volunteers. As well as skills development these classes were a recreational activity, an alternative to the drug scene to which the street young people usually turn to for fun.

In the first instance the students were only allowed to take the guitars out on loan with the promise of being given a guitar if it was well taken care of. The students were finally given the guitars to keep as Christmas presents. With this gift, the project achieved its aim of providing a sustainable means of income to the street working young people.



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 sr = Peacechild  
 Primeramente un gran saludo por mi parte al sr Peacechild  
 agradezco de mi persona a la organización Peacechild y a mi tía  
 y a la srta Cecilia por las guitarras q' ustedes,  
 nos han obsequiado por este lindo instrumento.  
 Yo quedo muy agradecido por apoyarnos a Todos los NATs

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PRIMERAMENTE DOY GRACIAS A DIOS POR QUE SIEMPRE  
 LE HE PEDIDO UNA GUITARRA AHORA LO TIENGO.  
 TAMBIEN DOY GRACIAS A USTEDES Y LES AGRADEZCO  
 POR QUE ANUNCIAR UOY A ALGUIEN ESTE DIA 22 DE  
 DICIEMBRE EN QUE ME REGALARON UNA GUITARRA .  
 SI NO MAS QUE DECIRLES A MI LA VERDAD LA GUITARRA  
 ME BUENATO LA MUSICA Y EL FUTBO SON MIS DOS AMORES  
 MANDO UN GRAN SALUDO DESDE BOUVIA  
 DICIENDOLEZ MUCHAS GRACIAS



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Yo quiero agradecerles por haberme regalado los  
 Instrumentos para que los Niños Niñas Adolescentes Trabajadores #  
 (NATs) podamos Aprender a tocar una guitarra por que  
 Yo Siempre quise Aprender y tener una guitarra propia  
 y gracias A Dios y a Ustedes ahora si se toca la  
 guitarra y gracias a Ustedes tengo una gran  
 para seguir practicando y así poder tocar

Muchas Gracias "Peacechild"  
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