



ESPERANZA VERDE

nature conservation - Peru



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A new update from Esperanza Verde. A lot of time has passed and we have achieved many things in this beautiful setting in the Peruvian jungle.

The latest news!

Since our last newsletter, Esperanza Verde has bought almost 40 hectares of new land, made possible by donations from the Swiss Association. Esperanza Verde now owns 160 hectares of jungle. Since parts of the newly bought land were previously plantations, we immediately started reforesting. This can only be done during rainy season to ensure the longevity of the fresh young seedlings.

While writing this newsletter, we got a surprise visit from the Ministry with 843 parakeets. We only had three tiny cages free. We are still waiting for the last group to regrow their feathers before their release. Together, with the volunteers, we are doing our very best to get this huge group healthy in their overcrowded cages.

Other than that there is no big news to share, but of course there has been lots happening so read on!



Arrival of parakeets

What has been built?

Home for Olivia, Douwe, Kayla and Marlon

In March 2015, the manager house was almost finished. In order to make room for volunteers, the family had to move in before it was completed. This wasn't an issue as they had been waiting a long time to get some privacy! The house was only lacking some mosquito mesh wire on the windows, and some furniture, which will be finished gradually.

Veterinary Clinic

This allowed us to turn our full attention to our next project, building the veterinary clinic. There was some delay due to bad weather and roads. This prevented trucks from delivering the bricks and other material for more than a month. But with many volunteers to help us, we were able to move a lot of sand for concrete (all manually in sacks) from the

river to the building site. We are happy to say that we now have the concrete floor and the brick walls almost up. A septic tank has been dug and built up with bricks, a bit of a claustrophobic job, but luckily we had some volunteers who were not afraid of getting in the hole.



Septic tank, clinic end of August

For the coming months, the veterinary clinic will be our main construction project, and hopefully it will suffer no further delays. We have lots of material now.





A new order for more materials is on the way, thanks to the Susy Utzinger Stifting in Switzerland. So we have plenty of work to be getting on with, and are happy we have so many helpful volunteers who enjoy this sort of work. It will be a beautiful clinic, probably the nicest (or only) one in the surrounding area.

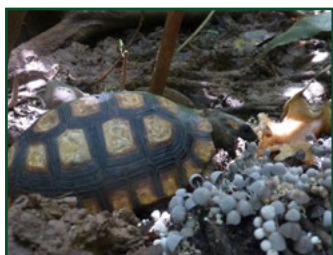
New enclosure for peccaris

As we had several tortoises divided over different small cages, we decided to build a new enclosure for Quintisha, our female peccary, and give the tortoises her enclosure. She had been living in the reptile enclosure (donated by DGHT from Switzerland) together with about 45 yellow spotted river turtles. This way we could give the tortoises and Quintisha the room they needed. Between other jobs, Douwe, Geiler and Machico built the enclosure. Douwe built a transport box for Quintisha and with a little bit of luring and pushing, we managed to transport her to her new cage. She seems to enjoy her new living arrangement.



Quintisha enjoying her new cage

We then moved the tortoises, which of course started exploring immediately. One (known to some old volunteers as MOMO) even started to eat all the mushrooms from a tree. Just to make sure we checked with Machico if this was okay... and thankfully it's a normal food source for them. So finally, the reptile enclosure really lives up to its name.



Momo eating mushrooms

The one remaining problem in the reptile enclosure is the big pond. If there is no rain, the water seeps into the ground and the water level drops dramatically. At some point, we will have to invest some time and money to drain the pond, take the turtles to a temporary enclosure and fill the basin with concrete. It will be a huge job, but until then we will continue to pump water in from the nearby stream.

Igor cage (new bird cage)

Since July 2015, we have had so many parakeets we needed a cage where they would have more room to train their muscles before their release. Thanks to the Dutch film crew, 'Floortje naar het einde van de wereld' (VARA) and the educational volunteers of the Royal Burgers' Zoo in the Netherlands, we were able to finance this project. It has been constructed from long-lasting material, like metal tubes and mesh, instead of wooden posts.

From the moment the group of 843 parakeets arrived, we put all our time into finishing Igor cage to be able to give the new parakeets more space as soon as possible. With all the efforts of Douwe, Geiler, Machico and the volunteers we were able to finish the cage within 2 weeks. All parakeets from the earlier groups that had learnt to fly again were moved to this enclosure and 2 weeks later we started releasing them.



New bird cage, finished in 2 weeks!

Fixing paths in the wet season

Between all of this construction we had to find some time to fix the paths. This rainy season was a heavy one. It has never been so wet and muddy at Esperanza Verde. There was a lot of digging mud and carrying gravel and stones for the paths and cages. Finally, at the end of May the paths started to dry out and everything looks much better now.





Water sources and storage in the dry season

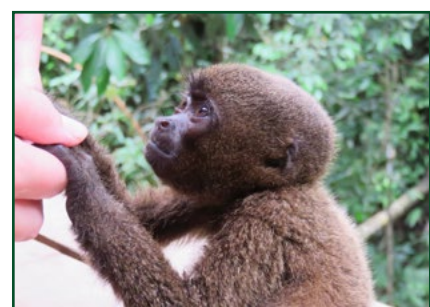
The current dry season is very strong. At the moment we are running out of water (some of the volunteers are learning to appreciate having an abundance of water!). The well that provides the houses and cages are simply not giving enough. This has caused yet another delay for the clinic as we require a lot of water to set the concrete for the walls.

Douwe has spent time looking for other sources of water, but has been unsuccessful. We will need to invest in a backup system to use during the dry season time. We had to buy a new water pump to fill the various water tanks from the nearby stream.

New animals

Since the last newsletter we received more animals in need:

- **Ramona, a very young female woolly monkey.** Olivia was contacted by a family in Pucallpa, about a sick monkey. The family bought her from the local market and had her for a month as a pet. When she became weak, they contacted a veterinarian and Ramona got treated for parasites, receiving antibiotics and vitamins. Unfortunately she did not get better but worse. When Olivia arrived on the scene, Ramona was very weak. At that time she was about 4 months old, very underweight and a bit dehydrated. With some medicine and the right food, she started getting better, gaining some weight and she stopped having diarrhoea. Carrying Ramona around, sitting with her and making her eat and drink is now one of the daily jobs. But she is still weak and continues to have bad days. We really hope that we can say by the next newsletter she is doing fine... but a young baby like this is very sensitive. She did not receive the milk from her mother which contains the necessary antibodies to give her protection. A lot of care is being taken to keep her healthy and warm.



Ramona, baby woolly monkey

- **Tupak, the white-throated toucan,** was given to Olivia in Curimana on shopping day. A woman had him (or her) for about a month as a pet. He was still young and not able to fly well, At first we had him in a small cage in the living room of the volunteer house (all other cages were basically filled with parakeets) After some moving around of parakeets, the release-cage was free for Tupak. After some months, Tupak got stronger, hopping from branch to branch and flying better and better (as far as he could learn in the small cage). We recently let him out, while being under constant watch by someone. In the first week he was out, he had to get used to flying further and knowing which branches would keep his weight. He is not afraid, which is common for a fairly tame toucan, we hope he will gradually learn that he should be afraid of monkeys, cats and eventually humans. But until then we need to keep him under constant watch. He goes back into his cage by himself, or when someone goes in there. It is therefore possible to close him in there and keep him safe at night. His story will be continued.



Tupak out (drawing by Kayla)



Tupak, visiting Rincay





• **Louie and Leo**, two young male squirrel monkeys. Louie was brought by the Ministry of flora and fauna, confiscated while being transported from Pucallpa to Lima. Leo was found by Elena, our cook, in the village wandering around on the floor and brought to us. Both were successfully released after a transition period of quarantine and adapting to an outside cage. We can always count on our female capuchin monkey, Mica, to take care of newcomers. She carries them around in turns. Also Camila, our female squirrel monkey, took an interest in both, especially Louie.



Mica with Leo

• **Kiru**, a very young male saddleback tamarin, was also confiscated by the Ministry. He arrived shortly before Leo, the squirrel monkey. After a quarantine period we put them together in an outside cage for an adaptation period. This way they could have safe contact with the outside monkeys. Although he was small, we had hopes he would be safe with the outside monkeys by staying close to them. This was true for the first three days. He seemed to be doing really well clinging on to Willow's back (our male woolly monkey). He spent time with the other woolly monkeys as well, but then on the fourth morning he went missing. As he was still very young, we think something happened to him. It all looked so good, but sometimes it does not work out. This is one of the harsh realities of releasing animals who were previously tame.



Giada with Leo and Kiru

• **Four orange-winged parrots**, these were confiscated by the Ministry while being transported from Pucallpa to Lima. Being very young and skinny, two died in the first week. The two survivors, Logan and Tamaya, were treated for some skin problems. As it is often impossible to conduct clean and conclusive laboratory work here in the jungle, we often have to rely on our own experience and knowledge of medicine. But in this case immediate treatment was not required and we were fortunate to be able to consult our good friend and veterinarian Philipp Zerbe and his team of experienced veterinarians in Switzerland. Thank you all for your help. We are happy to say that they recovered fully and have introduced them into the large aviary. Here they were immediately greeted by one of our other orange-winged parrots, Lina or Pumba. Some might remember them as they had some eye-problems, Lina ended up blind in one eye. Again, with the help of the Swiss veterinarian group we got them the right treatment, and they are flying around in the aviary now. You can't even tell that Lina is blind on one side.

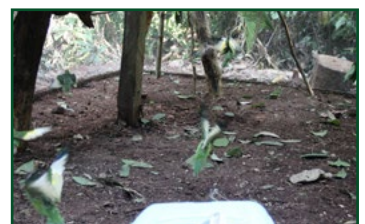


Orange winged amazons in aviary

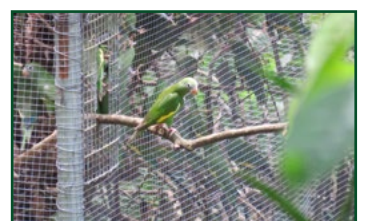
• **Three groups of white-winged parakeets and one group of white-eyed parakeets.** The first group of 48 was confiscated at the local market in Pucallpa. All had cut feathers so we are waiting for new feathers to grow before we release them. Shortly after the quarantine of the first group was finished, a huge group of 280 parakeets arrived. These were all confiscated by the Ministry while being transported from Pucallpa to Lima.



Arrival of white-winged parakeets



Arrival at the new cage



Going to freedom!

As you can imagine, our first question was 'where were we going to put them all?!' We only had three empty cages outside, and some small cages in the office. So we started sort them health wise as quickly as possible. They were all messed up and very hungry from transport.



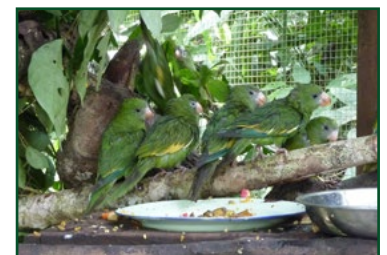


Many parakeets died, so everybody got involved with catching and treating them

We quickly took them out, gave them a look-over, made a decision and put them in the chosen cage. All arrived in bad health and under a lot of stress. We started them on medication but of course with a large number of parakeets per cage (about 90), not all were likely to receive enough. For about two weeks after their arrival several were dying daily, but then it seemed to stabilize. Almost all of these parakeets had some feathers pulled out by their captor to prevent their escape. Now they all have gained weight and most can fly again, as their feathers are fully grown. At the moment the new bird cage (Igor-cage) was finished we moved all the parakeets with good

feathers there and after 2 weeks of adaptation we opened a small door in the back for their release. These parakeets are relatively wild (never ended up as pets) so we hope that they now can adjust slowly (being able to go in and out of the cage) to the outside world again.

Without warning in late July 2015, the Ministry showed up one afternoon at Esperanza Verde with a group of 812 white-winged parakeets and 31 white-eyed parakeets, all confiscated while being transported from Pucallpa to Lima. At first it looked like there was only one cage filled with parakeets, but then others arrived. We only had Pepe cage, with its three compartments available. Knowing this would be overcrowded; we had no other choice but to try and accommodate them as well as possible. All had pulled out feathers either recently or weeks before and all of them were in a very bad state. Every day there were between 15-25 deaths. Some had suffered from hunger and thirst for some time. Most are adults with a couple young ones. They were most likely caught with nets and kept together until there were enough to make transportation worthwhile. It is one of the most depressing sights and aspects of this work. Trying to do your best, but it is not always enough for all... After moving the other groups of parakeet to the new bird cage, we had more room and could divide this group over more cages. They are now gaining weight, growing back their feathers, and we finally have seemed to stabilize their health, no more deaths for some weeks! It took a lot of effort from everybody, cleaning the cages well, a lot of times feeding, giving medications etc. An extra thank you to all the volunteers who were with us during that time.



Parakeets recovering

- **Pauki**, a russet-backed oropendola. Some people decided to cut down the last beautiful big tree in Bello Horizonte. This tree was home to oropendolas, caciques and many bats. All the nests came down with the tree, some with young nestlings and many with bats. Kayla was handed over the last surviving bird from her friend, a young oropendola with a broken leg. For the first couple weeks the oropendola (named Pauki) was in a small cage in Kayla's room (as no space was available anywhere else). He is now slowly learning to eat by himself and spends the day in Tupak's cage learning to fly. At night Pauki goes back in the small cage in Kayla's room as Tupak still sleeps in his cage. Pauki's leg had healed, although crooked, but he can use it. He already has some visits from wild oropendolas while he is in the outside cage.



Pauki, young oropendola

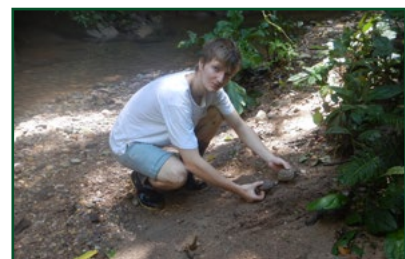
- **Supay**, a shiny cowbird. He (although we don't know the sex!) was picked up by a local child in the village. He was found on the ground, while his siblings were able to fly up the tree to safety. Supay could not fly and was handed





over to Kayla. As a fledging we started hand feeding him. He has his full feathers now, and is looking beautiful. Initially we had high hopes of releasing him, but since he took so long to lose his 'baby' behaviour, we are now a bit scared about releasing him. He is quite vulnerable and there are too many dangers in the near vicinity (e.g. the monkeys in the centre).

- **4 tortoises**, two were brought by the Ministry of Fauna and Flora in Pucallpa and two were brought by our staff member Geiler. We were able to release three of them again while the bigger tortoise, named Houdini, is now in the reptile enclosure with several others.



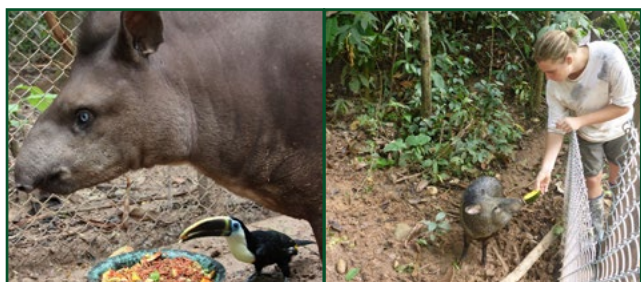
Tobi releasing tortoises

What is going on with the 'old' animals?

Tika, (coati, released) has not been seen for a long time. The last sighting was of Tika, with 4 babies, all of which were very wary of humans. We can assume they are fine, or at least as good as any other of their species in the wild.

Pepe, (tayra, released), is sometimes seen and everytime seems less and less interested in us.

Rincay, (tapir), has been with us since June 2011. He had some health issues with vomiting fits, but with the help of camomile tea and a more leafy diet he has gotten better. He is still in the company of Pepito, a big male tortoise. Pepito briefly had the company of four other tortoises, two of which have managed to escape the enclosure through the water outlet. The other two have been taken out to join the other tortoises in the reptile enclosure. Willow and Rincay are good friends and Willow sometimes rides on his back and checks his ears.



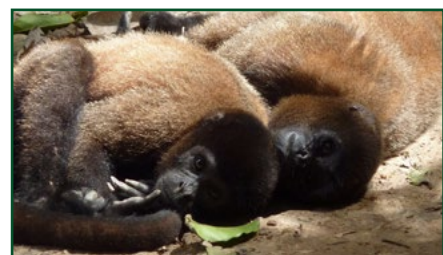
Rincay with Tupak, Quintisha fed by Ben

Quintisha, (collared peccary), is doing well. To our grief, the young female peccary, **Xena**, died of acute internal bleeding.

A burst ulcer near a major blood vessel in her intestines likely caused the bleeding. Quintisha has had to get used to being on her own again. We have now moved her to the newly finished enclosure for peccaries named 'Xena'.

Mica, Nikita, Willow, Nakoya, Kamari and Camila, and recently joined by **Louie and Leo** (two brown capuchin monkeys, three woolly monkeys and three squirrel monkeys), are all doing well. Willow is still naughty, but so far is not teaching the other monkeys his bad behaviour. They all hang around together.

Camila (female adult squirrel monkey), was found one morning by one of the volunteers limping outside the house. It turned out that she was severely injured from a fight possibly with a kinkajou (our recently released kinkajou, Cushna). The muscle on her right thigh was almost totally torn up. She needed to be operated on and we were afraid she might lose the use of her leg. After some treatment and medication, she came pretty much out of it as her 'darling' little self again. She can use her leg almost as normal and you hardly can notice a difference. Unfortunately two months after the leg incident she suffered an apparent epileptic attack with another in the following month. We consulted several veterinarians and kept her under observation for some time. In one of the attacks she hurt one of her arms.



Nakoya and Kamari



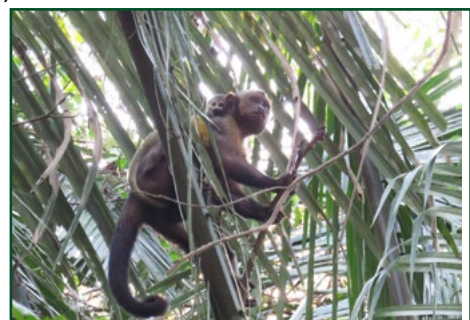


Camila with Louie

To keep her totally safe we would have to keep her in a cage, as there is a risk that when she suffers an attack she might fall and fatally injure herself. Camila does not like being in a cage and spends her time running around the cage calling the other monkeys. After a lot of thought, we decided to take the risk and give her the freedom she so much enjoys. We always make sure everybody knows she might have an attack, and what to do when it happens. Luckily she has not suffered an attack for several months (of course we are not always able to see it happening). We are unsure if the attacks will return, but we hope to enjoy her company for as long as possible!

Jordi, (male brown capuchin monkey), who we now mention separately as he has joined a group of squirrel monkeys. The group consists of at least seven monkeys, five of which we have previously released and is often joined by a wild tamarin monkey group. The group come and go as they please and are often not seen for several days. We hope that eventually Nikita will join this group and that Mica will do the same. However, this is not so realistic as Mica loves us too much.

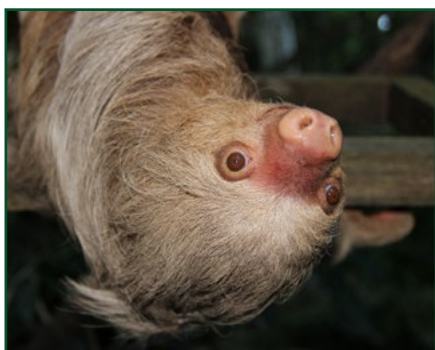
Alessi and Shambito, (female and young male saddleback tamarin), were together outside for some time. Alessi kept having to hide from the wild group, and apparently one day decide to leave. She left behind Shambito who kept calling for her. She was spotted once in the forest by Machico. Geiler and Lauren, our long-term volunteer who had a good bond with Alessi, went to have a look to get her back, but she was not found again. After a while Shambito was accepted by the wild group and he is now always with them. They occasionally still show up.



Jordi with a squirrel monkey

Igor, (male saddleback tamarin), has not been seen since we released him together with Alessi and Shambito. He has not joined the wild group again. Hopefully he found his way to Alessi, as they seemed to like each other, and they are now building up a family group of their own.

Elmo, the two-toed sloth, is still enjoying his outside life. We are happy to have him around, and he comes and goes as he pleases.



Elmo climbing around

Cushna, male (sorry we know we said female before, but she was really a he!) kinkajou, disappeared. He was at the kitchen window as usual one night and gone the next. We would love to believe he is fine and happy, but in this case, with him being fairly tame, we fear for the worst. After a week of opening his cage at night and putting food out, we had to give up. We of course still hope that he might be alive somewhere out there in the rainforest.



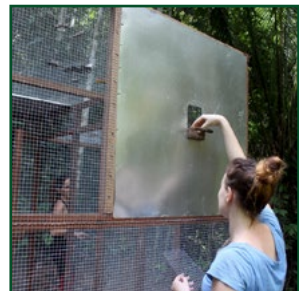


Tiliku, dusky headed parakeet, Pichu, a white-eyed parakeet, and several white-winged, some cobalt-winged and tui parakeets were moved to the newly finished release cage, now named 'Tiliku'. After a time of adaptation to the surroundings a small window was opened in the mesh of their cage. It was designed so that only the birds that can fly can get through the opening. At first the birds seemed to not be interested in their freedom, but eventually the numbers in the cage diminished. During this time we took out all the parakeets that could not fly and put them with the other white-winged parakeets until their feathers grow back again. Pichu, the white-eyed parakeet with cut feathers, is the only bird yet to grow back his feathers.

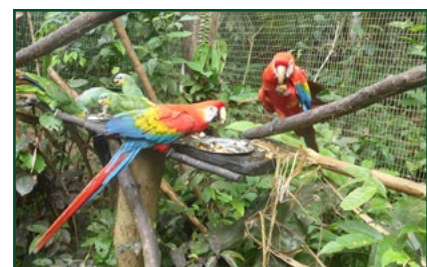


Pichu in the office

Pichu had to make space for Tupak the tucan. He was moved to the aviary where he joined the rest of his original group of white-eyed parakeets. After several weeks, we took him out again. He still is not able to break his fall enough, and ended up with a chest wound again. He is back in a small cage in the office while he recovers from his chest wound and is doing well.



Opening door of release cage (Tiliku)



Breakfast in the aviary

In the **aviary** we now have 6 macaws, 6 amazon parrots (including the two new ones, Tamaya and Logan), and 5 aratingas. One aratinga died as well as the blue-headed parrot.

All **tortoises** (a total of 9), which were in separated cages during their quarantine period, have been moved to the reptile cage after Quintisha moved to her new enclosure. They immediately started exploring their new and big enclosure, by taking bite here and there of forest leaves and mushrooms. For the first week they hardly touched the food we brought them.

Family life



Family (managers) house

The biggest news, of course, is moving out of the volunteer house and moving in to a house of our own! After 5 years of sharing a house with lots of different people coming and going, it was about time for the family to get some privacy. We are yet to finish the new house but are happy to have our own kitchen, bathroom and for Marlon and Kayla to have their own rooms. In the weekends we do some work, putting up the mosquito mesh on the windows, making some closets, and gradually unpacking of all our stuff. Some of which was stored for more than 5 years.

For the children it was not always easy passing the volunteer house and their old rooms on their way home from school. Kayla often had the urge to go in the volunteer house, drop her backpack and go into her old room. However, with the new luxury of their own rooms they have adapted fairly quickly.

School started again in March, a week after we moved in, so life is getting back to its normal routine. Although the school has new teachers there are the same old problems. At the secondary school some teachers have not showed up until now and as there are a lack of pupils so it may be closed next year.



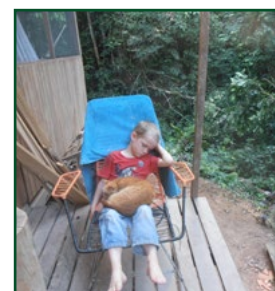
Kayla at a school event, presenting a local meal (juanes)





Kayla is in her last year of primary school now, so the big question is what will happen next year!

Marlon is also in his last year, of kindergarten, and will take the big step to primary school next year. He is eager to learn and play with numbers, but reading is something he has no patience for! We now have e-readers and he is pretty jealous. I promised him that when he can read I would see if I could get him one. So we have slowly started to practise, but this boy loses his patience quickly!



Marlon with our cat Lola

We had a special visit from a Dutch television crew; they followed us around for several days with a big camera and filmed our lives in the jungle. It will show what a special jungle child Kayla has become.

Volunteers and work

We have had a constant flow of volunteers representing many different countries. It is not always easy to live and work in such close proximity to each other, but overall the motivation and enthusiasm for the project is high and we have achieved a lot.



Mica with enrichment toys

Unfortunately our capuchin female, Mica, started having some hormonal issues and picked a male volunteer to follow around obsessively, even keeping him awake at night. After a while it stopped, but then she picked another. It reached the extent that we had to close her in for several times for a few days. We still hope our male capuchin, Jordi, will somehow be able to convince her to be with him and not with a human!!

After our long-term volunteers Iain and Lauren left and the family moved out of the volunteer house it took some time to get a normal routine going with the volunteer group. But after a while it has all worked out and the kitchen is even (sort of) clean again!



Lunch at the waterfall

It is not always easy adapting to jungle life with the humidity, heat, lack of privacy, dealing with free-range monkeys and not having the luxuries of home. And recently with the water shortage appreciate water as a luxury. But it makes a big difference to the animals and us to have people with a lot of enthusiasm and motivation around and we are thankful for all the volunteers helping us at Esperanza Verde. Chilling out in the evening with cocktails, playing cards and talking with people from different countries are some of the great things about volunteering at Esperanza Verde. Recently, volunteers have been able to join Machico or Geiler on a forest walk and visit the big waterfall, Regalia. These things allow the volunteers to have a chance to reflect upon their time here while they are not working.

Selva Dormida, the forest



Forest of Selva Dormida

Once again we had the opportunity to purchase a piece of land which borders our land. Thanks to Philipp Zerbe and his efforts for finding sponsoring through the Swiss association, we could buy another 40 ha. Esperanza Verde now owns about 160 hectares of rainforest. A part of the new area had been cut down for a plantation and the most special wood-tree species had been taken out of the rest. We started reforestation of the new area immediately.





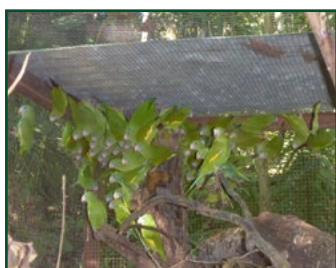
Shen, an environmental engineering student from Germany, finished her report about the reforestation project at Esperanza Verde. From the beginning in 2010 until the time of her research (November 2014) we planted almost 2000 young trees, of different wood-species. With the help of Machico and other volunteers she found 61% of these seedlings were in a healthy state. Since then we have been replanting more seedlings, and are collecting data with a GPS so we can log it in the data-base Shen set up for Esperanza Verde. Thank you Shen, it is working out perfectly!



On a forest walk

Future plans and how you can help

At the moment most of the construction work is done at the clinic site. You can already see that it will become a beautiful clinic, with a spectacular jungle view. The completion of the project will take longer than planned, as often unexpected events happen. The reality of jungle life is that we never know what will come up (e.g. the large group of parakeets) and we are always ready to solve anything that comes our way. Unfortunately this can often mean that large construction projects get delayed.



Parakeets in need of more space

One of our old cages build of wooden posts is almost falling apart. We have decided that when we are able to buy new building materials we will tear it down and rebuild it as a parakeet enclosure. The idea is to build it with long lasting materials, like Igor cage with; metal tubes, mesh and cement. With this we hope we can create more space for the parakeets, so they can practice using their muscles, as soon as all their feather have recovered. Depending on the damage done to their feathers (pulled or cut) it can take up to 6 months before some of them are able to fly again.

If there are no parakeets we are able to use this enclosure for other species, like small mammals or reptiles.

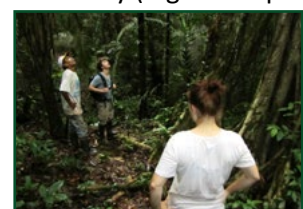
If you want to learn something about constructing houses and cages, building a clinic, taking care of different species of animals, living in the jungle, seeing some wildlife, etc., come and help out or spread the word.

If you like animals, enjoy a simpler lifestyle, and you're not afraid of getting a bit dirty sometimes, come and help out! You don't need any special skills, just your willpower and enthusiasm is enough.

You can also help us in other ways:

- Donating, not only for special projects, but also for general caretaking. We always need funding for feeding and maintenance. A contribution of 50 dollars can feed one woolly monkey for an entire month!
- Linking our web page to yours and mentioning us in blogs.
- Spreading the word around to people who might be interested in volunteering, or handing out the flyers to people interested in coming to help out, e.g. at universities, schools, or among friends. They are available on the website of the German association: <http://www.esperanzaverdeperu.de/>
- Become member of the German or Swiss association, and join the reunions to meet all other volunteers.
- Organizing a fundraising event at your school, work, with friends, or any other activity to raise money (e.g. for a specific project). You can always write to us if you need more information or photos to help you with this.

We are looking for someone or perhaps a group of friends who would be willing to **help finance the yearly salary** (or part of it) for Machico for 2016. As always he is a great asset to Esperanza Verde and knows this area and its fauna and flora very well.



Machico on a forest walk





Thank you!

Esperanza Verde would not be possible without all the help we have been receiving, physically, morally and financially.



At the waterfall REGALIA

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Television crew 'Floortje naar het einde van de wereld'





In Germany we are supported by the **German association 'Förderverein Esperanza Verde e.V.'**. **Thank you Jule Ritz and Nico van den Benken** for your enthusiasm in helping and supporting us. **Thank you also to all members and donors.** You can become a member and get regular updates. You can also help them with sponsoring activities, or just get in touch with old volunteers. Membership fees and income of any PR-activities are entirely given to Esperanza Verde. Check the website: www.esperanzaverdeperu.de.

Thank you to our Sponsor (through the German Association): **Gisela Röder-Arndt**

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In Switzerland we are supported by the **Swiss association "Förderverein Esperanza Verde Schweiz"**. **Thank you Philipp Zerbe, Carole Schuppisser, and Nadja Morf** for all your help, support and work to get it done. **Thank you to all members and donors.** We hope we will get many new members this year to support us. Check the website: www.esperanzaverde.ch. This year the association helped Esperanza Verde in providing medical materials (medicines, microchips etcl.) and two laptops. A **special thank you to Katja Schönbachler** for arranging the microchips. The association is very active in finding sponsoring for any new project necessary at Esperanza Verde, e.g. the new peccary cage.

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Chipping a tortoise

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We want to apologize in advance in case we forgot to mention any supporters, financially or morally. We got a lot of things done with all your help and we will continue to work hard to realize all the things we have been dreaming of..

We hope you enjoyed reading all the news from Esperanza Verde and of course we hope to see many of you here (again) in this small paradise in the Peruvian jungle.

Abrazos,
Douwe, Olivia, Kayla and Marlon

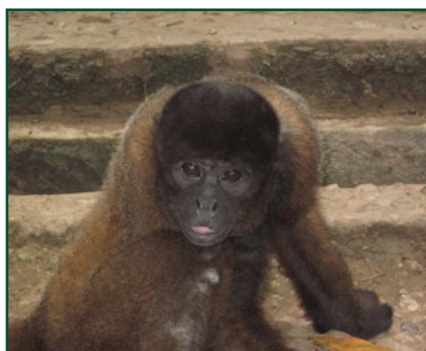




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Please don't send packages over 2kg, as it is a hassle to get them through customs here.

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