



# 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!

Our clinic is finished. It took a bit longer than expected (what a surprise!) but the result is great. Thanks to the Susy Utzinger Stiftung we now have a beautiful and very well functioning veterinary clinic. As soon as it was done, it received the first inhabitants.

Read on to find out what all has been going on at Esperanza Verde!

## What has been built?

### *Veterinary Clinic*

At the beginning of March the clinic received its first animal, a male deer of about one year old, Rabito. Although the clinic was not completely finished, the cages were, so we used the biggest cage for Rabito for some days. He had a rough trip, being transported from Curimana, so some wounds needed treatment. He quickly recovered and after he could roam in the garden of the clinic, where he still lives. He has sort of become the Clinic-garden-pet. After some tiling, new shelves and the construction of the treatment table we declared the clinic officially ready for use. In April we were able to start moving all our medical supplies and other necessary materials in to the clinic.

As we have been receiving more and more animals, the clinic was becoming a huge necessity. It is more apparent everyday how important it is to have an area where you have a good and clean environment for the treatment of sick or injured animals. Whilst also acting as a home for new arrivals, the clinic is a vital addition to our project. Since April the clinic has not been empty, and it is a full day's work for one of the volunteers to take care of all of the animals. It is a job loved by all, as it is a chance to have more involvement with the animals. Olivia finally has her own area, where she can work on administration, work in the lab with the microscope, and be directly involved with the clinic-animals. Thank you Susy and Philipp!

### *Forced repair of bodega*



The destroyed bodega, and the new improved structure

In October 2015 a large tree fell on the bodega. The whole roof was destroyed, but luckily most of the cement wall was still standing. We are enormously lucky that no one was in the bodega at the moment it happened. Douwe started planning the re-construction of the bodega almost straight away. To make something positive out of a negative, we decided to take the opportunity and make the bodega slightly bigger to make more room for all the bananas. Thanks to the quick response of the Susy Utzinger Stiftung, we could get material to rebuild quickly.



Khali and our sponsor, and the finished clinic



### *New Pepe cage*

One of the first cages that was built at EV was a 3 compartment cage for Pepe, a male tayra. After having lasted almost 5 years, with the group of around 800 parakeets being the last occupants, it was falling apart bit by bit. As it was a cage made with wooden posts, we knew it would not last a life-time. We decided to break it down completely and build a new improved Pepe cage, with metal supports, concrete structure and wire mesh. We also knew we would need a new cage soon, as we now seem to be the only centre able to receive animals here in Ucayali. So as soon as we got the material we broke it down and build this new one.

### *Enclosure for Ringo - Fencing Manager house*

Together with Rabito, a young male deer of about 4 month arrived, now named Ringo. As we did not have an enclosure for him, and he could not be together with Rabito, at first Douwe and Olivia took him into their house. Well you can imagine how well that worked.... Anyway it went ok for a few days, but as it wasn't house-trained, everything started to smell big time! So they tried with a dog harness and a leash and took him out several times a day to do his thing. It took a while for Ringo to get used to it, but it worked, and he never peed in the house anymore. Of course this was not a permanent solution, so we decided to fence in the garden. This was already in the future plans, so we only brought it forward a bit. As ever an animal's needs always come first and they tell us what project is the priority!



**The old Pepe cage, and the new**



**Starting the new spider monkey enclosure**

### *Spider monkey enclosure*

Thanks to all the donations received in Holland by the Dutch Society 'Esperanza Verde' (of which a big part was thanks to the Dutch Television show 'Floortje'), we could start a new enclosure for the two male spider monkeys, Lucio and Rimaq. These two large males have been raised from a young age by people, so they have sadly now become too dangerous to have outside at Esperanza Verde. Whilst they do not seem overly aggressive the risk is too big that, because of a miscommunication, they could bite one of the people working and living here. Even Lucio, whose canines were broken off by the former owners (a circus) can still give a nasty bite. In the wild they would not be able to survive without the care of humans. They can live for up to 25 years in captivity, which alone is reason enough to give them a nice and big enclosure where they can climb and swing around.

### *Cabin for long-term volunteers*

With the new clinic in use, the old office was empty. As we were waiting for all the material to arrive for the spider monkey enclosure, we made a new plan. We wanted to make a comfortable space for volunteers who stay for a long period of time, so we decided to add a bathroom (with shower, toilet), and renew the wire mesh at the old office. It now serves as a perfect little house and is an idyllic place to spend your time, with some privacy (providing the monkeys don't look in!) and a beautiful view.



**Adding the bathroom, and the finished cabin**







### *Smaller but important jobs*

In between, we still had time for improvements. The windows of the volunteer kitchen and most of the volunteer house were repaired and the wire mesh replaced. The bonfire area got new benches, now with metal posts. As we expand, general maintenance is becoming a ever bigger job. The project is growing so fast! Also with the rainy season paths and the floor of enclosures always need a lot of work, in order to keep the mud level manageable.



**Milo, a young agouti**

## **New Animals**

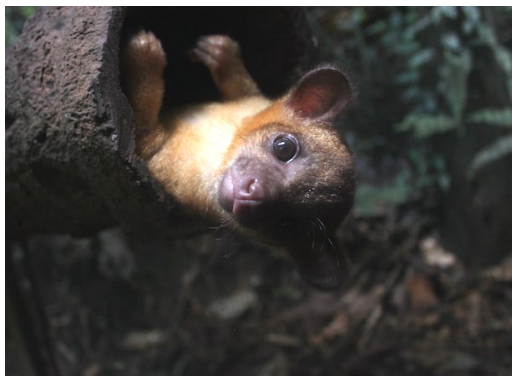
Since the last newsletter we received more animals in need, 95 in total:

As we place all news about individual animals on the 3-4 weekly updates on our website, we will only give details here about some animals. If you want to find out about a specific animal check: [www.esperanzaverdeperu.com](http://www.esperanzaverdeperu.com)

### From private persons we received the following (13 in total):

- 2 agoutis.
- 2 yellow footed tortoises, one is released, one joined the others in in the reptile cage.
- 1 young male kinkajou, Kiko.
- 2 red brocket deer.
- 1 opossum, sadly died within a week of arrival.
- 1 yellow-spotted river turtle, three-legged, but now doing fine in the pond in the reptile enclosure.
- 1 blue headed parrot, wild and caught accidentally in a fish trap which was hanging outside for repair. Released within the same week.
- 1 great egret, hurt by local children, but saved by others and brought here. After a quick recovery he was released, but unfortunately he did not seem to do so well and came back himself. After some further treatment and training to fish we were sucessful in releasing him.
- 1 female kinkajou, Kila, same age as Kiko
- 1 young female tree porcupine, Soraya, who is lame in her hind leg. She recently arrived and is under treatment in the clinic. We hope we get her fully recovered and released again but only time will tell.

**Kiko, the kinkajou**, came from a nearby village and was held as a pet, very young and very tame. To make a release here possible, we tried to maintain the smallest amount of contact with Kiko. He was moved to the quietest cage near the house of Douwe and Olivia. He was growing steadily and after 5 months we decided to let him explore the outside world. As we had bad experiences previously with releasing kinkajous and their encounters with wild ones, we always kept a close eye on him as well as keeping an ear out during the night! For 3 months he was doing well, going out of his cage at night, and sleeping inside during day. Unfortunately a wild male kinkajou turned up one evening. It's likely Kiko just wanted to say hi to him, but he found out the hard way that the feeling was not mutual. At 3 am we woke up to sounds of Kiko in distress. He was brutally attacked until Douwe intervened and separated them. He is now back in his cage and is responding well to treatment. Although injured it appears he did not loose the sight in his left eye.



**Kiko, young male kinkajou**

We hope we can let him out again during nights in the near future, but only if





Douwe and Olivia are there during night to keep an ear out. The only other option would be to keep him in a cage for the rest of his life, which we never aspire to unless completely necessary. This again demonstrates how hard it is to reintroduce animals that have been taken out of the wild and raised as pets.

Now with the arrival of **Kila, the female kinkajou**, we hope to have a partner for Kiko soon. They will be introduced in the next few days.

Found were the following animals (31 in total):

(A list first, and after that the details)

- 1 baby- bat, Creeper
- 20 bats
- 6 baby mouse opossums
- 1 green oropendola
- 1 two-toed sloth, which spent only a few weeks with us before it was healthy enough and released successfully.
- 1 black fronted nunbird
- 1 yellow-footed tortoise

**Creeper, the baby bat and 20 more.** Kayla was sitting in her classroom when she saw something small and black falling from the roof, so she decided to take a look. The baby bat probably fell quite hard from such a height but luckily he was not harmed. For some weeks he seemed to do really well, accepting the milk and care. Then after 4 weeks an injury was discovered, well hidden below his wings, along with another to his stomach. We started intensive treatment, but could not do anything in the end, and sadly he died. Around the same time about 20 bats from Kayla's school were rescued by the children and brought to us. These bats were bound to end up dead, as the school had planned to spray insecticide there to get rid of them. So Kayla decided, together with her school friends, to catch them and bring them home. This took some convincing, as many believe all bats are bloodsuckers and don't dare to touch them. But Kayla is good at convincing.... Anyway when night fell we released them all safely at the family house, outside of course....

From the Ministry of Fauna and Flora we received the following animals:

Region Ucayali (44 in total):

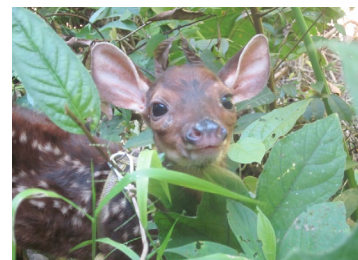
- 2 brown capuchins, Khali (young male) and Nera (female).
- 2 young female white-fronted capuchins, Chaira and Xira.
- A young female woolly monkey, Lupa.
- 7 South-american coatis (3 males, 4 females)
- 1 giant anteater, released on the day of its arrival.
- 1 baby brown-throated three toed sloth, who died after 10 days.
- 1 adult male paca, Takiri.
- 1 adult male pacarana, Capac.
- 1 young male tayra, Zambo.
- 1 young female peccary, Kohana. Now living with Quintisha.
- 2 agoutis, released.
- 2 cobalt winged parakeets.



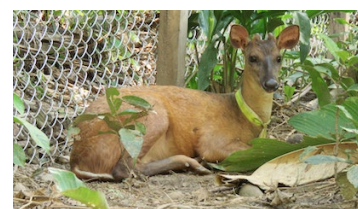
Douwe with two-toed sloth



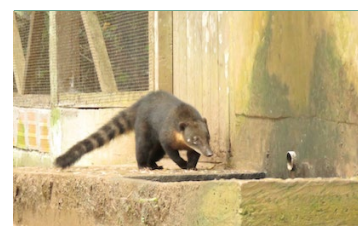
Baby opossums



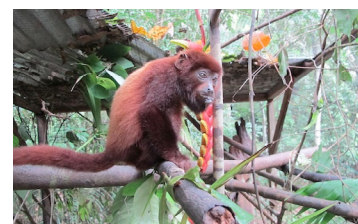
Ringo, baby deer



Rabito, adult deer



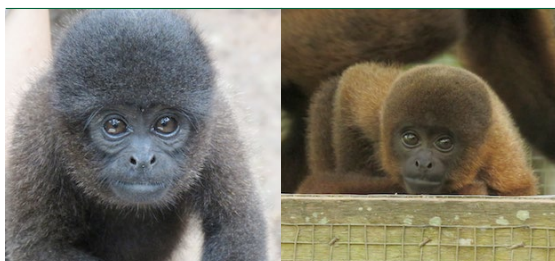
Released coati, now pregnant



Sango, howler monkey







**Chiquita and Lupa, young female woolly monkeys**

- 2 festive amazon parrots.
- A Speckled chachalaca, aptly named Shakalaka.
- 5 six-tubercled river turtle.
- 6 yellow-footed tortoises.
- 8 yellow-spotted turtles.

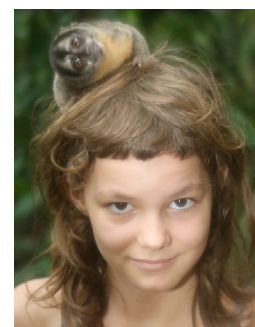
#### Region San Martin (7 in total):

Two young male red howler monkeys, Kosho and Sango. Howler monkeys have a complex digestive system and a high rate of depression so need a lot of extra care. Sadly, despite our best efforts neither of these survived.

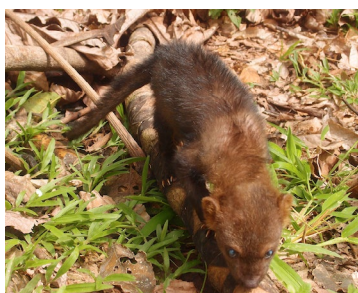
- A young female woolly monkey, Chiquita.
- A young female brown capuchin, Cinty.
- A baby female tamarin, who sadly died shortly after arrival.
- A young female nightmonkey, Sira.
- A many-banded arasari, Churi.

**The Baby Monkey Group (Cinty, Khali, Chiquita and Lupa)** started life seperated here at Esperanza Verde as they arrived at different times and in varying conditions of health. Khali started life here needing a lot of medical attention so spent his first few months in Olivia and Douwe's house. Cinty and Chiquita arrived together and more recently Lupa. Once they were all fit and healthy they were united in the Roko cage before being released to join the outside monkey group. It was hard at first but now our volunteers are distancing themselves, in order to discourage contact. So far this is working well and only occasionally do Khali, Cinty or Chiquita seek attention. Lupa is making the best progress and spends nearly all her time with the other woolly monkeys.

**Sira (baby female night monkey)** was rescued by the ministry. Like Khali, she initially needed a lot of care so spent her first few weeks here under the close observation of Olivia. It was struggle to get her to eat at first but after a while she loved all the attention and enjoyed hitching a ride on the head of anyone



**Sira & Kayla**



**Zambo, on one of his walks**

willing. After some time in the clinic she has more recently spent her afternoons playing with the baby monkey group and her evenings in the Roko cage, often joined by Khali. (Khali hasn't quite learnt that she is a night monkey and he will get little peace and quiet in order to sleep!) Whilst Sira has found each move quite stressful, taking a few days to adapt she continues to make good progress and is eating and drinking well.

**The Coatis Family** are, after an initial period in a cage, now enjoying freedom. Whilst in the cage the coatis often pestered the volunteers when they were cleaning, however now outside they generally keep themselves to themselves. Although we sadly lost 3 to illness, the remaining 4 can now usually be found eating twice a day from their very own feeding table. However

more recently one of the females hasn't been spotted and as she was heavily pregnant we assume she is in a nest somewhere with the babies!

**Zambo (young male tayra)**, arrived seemingly blind, weak and, as the poor condition of his fur indicated, troubled by parasites. Housed in the clinic he received intensive treatment and care and thankfully made a remarkable recovery. There were some ups and downs, we feared at one point he was permanently blind, and also he was found to have maggots in several areas of his skin. But these worries all seem a distant memory now! Although still a bit scruffy and with limited vision he is a different animal, strong,





mischievous and full of energy. He bites everything from leaves to the boots of volunteers, so we try to keep him busy with two long walks a day (much like we used to do with Pepe, our old tayra). Initially he stayed on a lead for these walks but now he walks free, although he doesn't venture very far from the volunteer yet.

## What is going on with the 'old' animals?

**Ramona, our baby female woolly monkey**, unfortunately suffered through a condition that persistently deteriorated. During her last week she lost all of the weight she gained while she was here. We tried to feed her as much as possible, mainly by force feeding. From the beginning we suspected something was wrong with her skull. Most likely caused by falling on her head when her mother was shot and fell down. In the last months of her life we gave her all the love and attention she deserved, but after two months of nurturing her we were forced to give tearful goodbyes and let her go. This was one of the hardest decisions we have had to make. During the autopsy we found that she would not have lived much longer. Part of her skull was squeezed below the rest. This was probably the cause of all her problems. She tried, we tried...but this was an animal we could not save.



Ramona eating leaves from the forest

**Tupak (toucan) & Pauki (oropendola)** are both doing well and are now fully released. After spending some time returning to their cages at night, they now spend all their time exploring the jungle and are only seen from time to time. Pauki when he visits often lands with a bump on the nearest volunteer's head and demands some food.



Supay in all his beauty, and the boa which ate him.

**Supay**, our chirpy little shiny cow bird sadly died recently. Although he made fantastic progress and had changed from a scruffy little chick to a beautiful adult, he fell victim to a boa one evening. He had, in the last year, been moved to the aviary and loved annoying the other birds and singing in the morning. It's a sad loss as many of

our volunteers will remember him and helped raise him. Rest in peace Supay.

**Rincay, (male tapir)**, continues to do well. As always he sometimes still has a problem with tics, however with some treatment and the care and attention of our volunteers, we keep this under control. As ever he enjoys life in his enclosure with Pepito, our resident tortoise.

**Quintisha, (female collared peccary)**, is still doing well. After losing the company of Xena and spending a period of time on her own in her new enclosure, she has recently been joined by another young female peccary, **Kohana**. Although we are still observing their behaviour, initially they seem to be getting on well and Quintisha seems pleased to have a friend once again.

**Elmo (male two-toed sloth)**, is still enjoying his life outside exploring the freedom of the jungle. He drops by from time to time to say hello but is being spotted less and less. Although we always enjoy his company, he is one of our best success stories so we are happy he is going further and becoming more adventurous. Hand raised from a baby, he is now fully integrated into the wild and finds all his own food.



Quintisha and Kohana

Our outside monkey group has changed big-time since the last newsletter:







Mica with Louie and Leo

- 6 brown capuchin monkeys: Mica, Nikita, Jordi and new: Nera, Cinty and Khali
- 2 white-fronted capuchin monkey: (new) Chaira and Xira
- 5 woolly monkeys: Nakoya, Kamari, Willow, and new: Chiquita and Lupa
- 3 squirrel monkeys: Camila, Louie and Leo
- 1 spider monkey: Yanay (released from the La Sapa cage)
- 1 night monkey, which joins the outside monkeys in the afternoon till 9pm: (new) Sira

**Camila (female adult squirrel monkey)**, did not have any further epileptic attacks since the last newsletter and is happily living outside once again. Although from time to time she still jumps on a volunteer, she has become calmer and is less feared by volunteers.

She joins **Leo and Louie**, and the other squirrel monkeys, for playing, and even goes with them for periods of time when they join the wild group. Unfortunately as she still has an urge to go through open doors sneakily, one day her tail was caught when a door closed. It was broken, but fortunately it did not get infected and did not bother her too much. She now is easily recognized with her bent tail!

**The other squirrel monkeys** are still visiting from time to time. You may remember that last year we released a group of seven that were all rescued by the ministry. This group included a skinny adult female, named **Silvana**. **Silvana** was spotted looking very healthy and with a baby on her back. Congratulations Silvana!

**Shambito (male saddleback tamarin)**, has now fully integrated with the local wild group of tamarins. We initially released him with a female tamarin, **Alessi**, and when Alessi disappeared we were unsure if Shambito would be accepted by the wild group as they can often be quite aggressive to outsiders. It took a little time but he has found himself a family and is now so big he can barely be distinguished. We only know its him as when they visit he often likes to play with his old friends Kamari and Willow.



Mica receiving the implant from Philipp

**Mica (female capuchin)** was in the last few months captured and given a hormonal contraceptive implant. For about a year we had been giving Mica hormonal injections to try and suppress the unwanted attention she was giving our male volunteers. These injections needed to be given every 3 months but now thanks to the donation of the implant we do not need to cause her any unnecessary stress, as we hope it will last long enough till she accepted Jordi as her male and not a human being. So far it seems to work as she no longer stays close and tends to go on the daily travels with Jordi, Nikita and co. New volunteers even don't know who she is when asked after some weeks. So after so many years we see Mica finally changing in a real capuchin monkey without the need for human contact anymore.



Willow carrying Lupa

**Nakoya, Willow and Kamari (woolly monkeys)** continue to do well. In the last year Nakoya has stopped having milk, though this doesn't stop her from trying to steal the other babies milk whenever the opportunity arises. With the arrival of babies Chiquita and Lupa, Willow and Kamari have been given the opportunity to practise their paternal instincts and Lupa is rarely left unattended, much to her displeasure when she tries to escape and is scooped back up! Also much to test the patience of our volunteers as they hang around trying to find the opportunity to intercept and give Lupa her milk 3 times a day.





**Yanay (female spider monkey)** we are pleased to announce has finally been released to join the monkey troop. As she did not display any aggressive behaviour we decided to give her a chance at freedom. After a few days under the close observation of our volunteers she took well to all the other monkeys and seems to have formed a close bond with Kamari. In fact sometimes she is even allowed to take some of the parental responsibility and look after Lupa, which is quite an honour! A few months ago we thought, due to her a growing belly, that Yanay might have been pregnant but with the estimated due date now past, we think she is just content with her new lifestyle and getting fat eating from the monkey tables outside.



Yanay relaxing on top of Rincay

## Family Life

Bit by bit we all got settled in to our new house. The change meant some adjusting for everyone, the family, the volunteers, and the animals. We are now living further into the forest, and subsequently we are not always nearby to answer every question and fulfil every need. However, after some initial adjustment, it has been working out well. For Mica, the female capuchin and Camila, the female squirrel monkey, it was probably the biggest change. Their 'family' moved away. However it did not take long for them to find us again, and they now visit several times a week, along with the outside group of squirrel monkeys with Jordi and Nikita.



Douwe, Olivia, Kayla & Marlon

Of course Mica will try our door, and when she finds it unlocked, she always tries her luck at stealing something from inside. The volunteers have also settled well into their new routine, with no children or bosses around, they can relax a little more, whilst we enjoy our privacy.

A year has passed and it went by very quickly. We had a lot of work to do at Esperanza Verde and very little time for relaxing. Kayla finished her last year at primary school, and started secondary. Unfortunately all did not turn out that well at that school, so she is now again in the sixth grade of primary. Most important is that she is happy to go to school again and it seems to have been the right decision. Thanks to Bart Bijl from the INIO-institute in Holland she receives some extra education via the internet. And thanks to the Dutch TV-show, we had several people contact us willing to help her either with material or helping her here as part of their volunteering. Of course next year it will still be a question of where she will go, but so far, she is doing great, and more importantly she is happy.



Painting in the evening at the volunteers

Marlon has now moved up from kindergarten to primary. At first he did not like the change so much, especially leaving his old kindergarten-building, but when he noticed his friends were there as well, he started to enjoy it. Well.....there is always something,

but as they say boys will be boys! He has really started to enjoy learning to read and write, so soon he will be able to enjoy the book-collection Kayla has built up in her room.

So all in all it has been a busy year, and we are all looking forward to our stay in Holland this year in July-August. Thanks to the financial support of our family and several friends it was made possible, this time, for us all to go (including Douwe). Thank you Leo, Lodewijk, Catelijne and Sigrid for organizing it all. Douwe will stay for 2 weeks, while Olivia and the children will stay 5 weeks. Thank you Lauren and Iain for making this possible, as they will hold fort for us at Esperanza Verde whilst we are away.







**Philipp and vets treating dogs and cats in the village**

## Volunteers and Work

Thanks to the Dutch TV programme Floortje, Esperanza Verde has received a lot of attention in The Netherlands and at times we have been a full house and we have not had a bed to spare. As always there have been volunteers from all over the world too, every one bringing a new skill to the table. With lots of new volunteers there is always a need for a lot of training and our longer term volunteers have stepped up to the challenge well. Everyone has had a great attitude and lots of enthusiasm.

Along with the day-to-day animal feeding and other volunteer duties, there have been a few more unusual projects taking place. Philipp Zerbe set up a student course and visited us with 2 vet-students and 2 vets. Thanks to the Susy Utzinger Stiftung we organized a de-worming campaign in the local village, Bello Horizonte, to treat the local cats and dogs. Whilst here the vets also spayed the family cat, Simba, along with a few other domesticated animals in the village. Olivia and Douwe learned a lot thanks to the given courses in those weeks. Philipp and the vets came with a lot of material from Switzerland, financed by the Susy Utzinger Stiftung, e.g. camera traps, night vision, animal cages and various other useful equipment. Thank you all!

Our volunteers have also been keeping themselves busy by creating enrichment activities for all of our captive animals. It is important to keep them active physically and mentally, so several times a week we give them an item designed to stimulate them, often food wrapped in leaf packages hung up or buried around the cage.

However it's not all hard work here at the project and over the past year we have been able to organise regular night walks with Douwe, forest walks with Machico, and trips to the big waterfall Regalia to swim and jump off the top.



**Winners of the Easter egg-hunt**



**Marlon in the forest**

## Selva Dormida, The Forest

This year we were able to plant a further 200 new seedlings to help towards our reforestation project, mostly of the cedro and shihuaco species. With the help of the volunteers we noted the GPS location of these new trees to add to the map with the 2000 we already planted in previous years.

Our focus on reforestation has become even more vital in the last year. The population of the local village, Bello Horizonte, is growing rapidly as there has been an influx of workers from nearby mountain villages. Some make the journey to take advantage of the low land prices, whilst others are seeking jobs on the subsequent growing number of plantations. Whilst the "old" villagers focussed their efforts on maintaining smaller farms with the purpose of feeding their families, these "new" villagers are more interested in profit and are hence expanding their plantations at a rapid pace. This along with the ever expanding coca industry is making our battle to preserve the rainforest even harder.

By investing in land we can protect parts of this rainforest and provide a safe environment for those animals we are lucky enough to release back into the wild. Esperanza Verde now owns around 180 hectares and by replanting seedlings in the areas previously lost to farming we are continuously working towards our goal of preserving Selva Dormida.





## Future plans and how you can help

This year we hope to finish the new enclosure for the spider monkeys. And of course there are several new plans as always.

### *Storage building*

One of the smaller projects will be the construction of a new storage building with two compartments. One for the storage of the food for people, the other for all the tools for construction. This has become a necessity, as having a bigger group of volunteers, we need to create more room in the kitchen. We do the shopping once a week, which saves time and money in travelling, but it means it's a large amount of food to store. Until recently we always stored the tools in the attic of the kitchen, but as this has become a permanent extra-volunteer room, tools are currently stored at the family-house. To have everything more central and accessible we will build the new storage near to the volunteer kitchen.



Marie painting the new cabin



River Aguaytia

### *Old LUCA-cage*

One of the oldest cages, LUCA, (the cage nearest the water-tanks), is now falling apart. It was built in the first year, and has been repaired several times, but now needs completely rebuilding. As soon as we have sponsorship for new materials, we will break it down and build a new cage, made with metal posts instead of wooden. However for now it will stay as it is, as you never know when an animal arrives unexpected needing an enclosure.

Of course we also have plans for a bigger project, such as a quarantine enclosure, but this will take more planning and time. We hope we can start the preparations in 2017.

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! At the moment we have 6 baby monkeys in need of milk, and they drink a lot. With a donation of 30 dollars you can provide all of them with milk + vitamins for a whole week.

Linking our web page to yours and mentioning us in blogs. Or inviting people to like our facebook page [www.facebook.com/esperanzaverdeperu](http://www.facebook.com/esperanzaverdeperu)

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.

As always 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 2017. As always he is a great asset to Esperanza Verde and knows this area and its fauna and flora very well.

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Machico and Geiler

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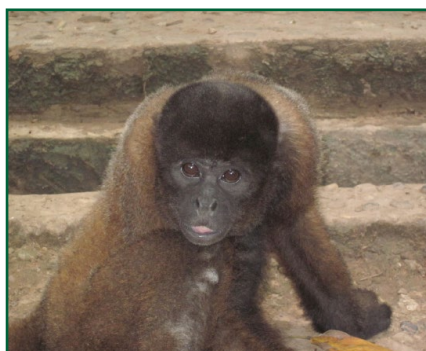




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