

# Kuska Newsletter

## The very first edition of the Kuska Newsletter



Houses on stilts in Iquitos, Peru.

We here at Kuska are excited to announce that we will be publishing a bi-monthly newsletter to keep everyone updated on the progress of our students in school and on our progress as we become a fully functional NGO!

For those of you who are new to Kuska, we are a startup NGO focused on helping needy Peruvian students find funding for graduate or technical degrees in

Iquitos, Peru. Our mission is to help people further their educations so that they can help themselves, their families, and their communities. Please visit our website ([www.KuskaPeru.org](http://www.KuskaPeru.org)) for more information or to browse student profiles and sponsor an education!

We hope that this newsletter will help everyone in the Kuska community stay up to date on our students. We realize that

most of our donors are geographically distant from our students and from Iquitos, so we hope this newsletter will provide a link that will make people feel more connected to our site.

We welcome any questions, comments, or advice about what YOU want to hear about. Please feel free to send e-mails to: [contact@kuskaperu.org](mailto:contact@kuskaperu.org)  
Thank you for making Kuska successful so far!

## Odilo opens his own business

Our very first Kuska student, Odilo, has just opened his own internet café and computer repair shop! Odilo has been studying with Kuska since its conception in 2009. Odilo studies Business Administration at the Instituto Peruano de Accion Empresarial (IPAE). It was here that he learned the skills he needed to

open and run his own small business.

At the opening of his business, Odilo thanked Kuska and all its donors for making his dreams possible.

He said, "It was not easy to get here: it took perseverance, struggle, and desire, but above all, it took the support I have received during this

time." (Translated from a statement by Odilo, see right for excerpt.)

We are incredibly proud of Odilo, not only for working hard and excelling in his studies, but for applying them in opening up this business. Congratulations, Odilo!

**"No es fácil llegar, se necesita perseverancia, lucha y deseo, pero sobre todo apoyo como el que he recibido durante este tiempo."**



Tatiana (Assistant Director of Peruvian Operations), the students, (Gerson, Naylea, Jorge, Miguel, Rose Marie), and Kimberly (Director of US Operations) after eating dinner.

## Kimberly travels to Iquitos, meets the students

This summer, Kimberly, Director of US Operations for Kuska, returned to Iquitos as an intern for the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) working on a water sanitation project.

While in town, Kimberly hosted the students at her apartment for dinner.

"It was great to finally meet these students after working

for so long on Kuska from afar!" Kimberly said after everyone had eaten their fill of traditional Peruvian fare: grilled chicken and papas a la huacachina (sliced potatoes in a spicy yellow sauce).

The students were polite and respectful, but obviously shy about meeting one of the heads of their organization. Kimberly appeased their

fears (we hope!) by explaining that she was in Iquitos to help with any problems they might be having in school or with the Kuska program. Since we are a new NGO, we are open to advice and critiques.

Kimberly has since left Iquitos for the summer but hopes to return to Iquitos soon to work with the students more.