



A Scout Christmas story

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December 25 - Every year the Incas Scout Group from Cochabamba, Bolivia celebrate Christmas in a very special way: they serve breakfast and give toys to the children in the marginal zones of the community and organise Scout games for them to play. This year, more than 700 children from the community of Bello Horizonte were able to enjoy these special gifts!

Bello Horizonte is a migrant community, near Cochabamba, composed of more children than adults, whose inhabitants make ends meet by working in informal jobs. The annual tradition of the Incas Scout Group's Christmas Day games, toys and breakfast brings joy not only to the children, but to the whole community. For weeks, they will plan, coordinate with group members,

parents and friends in order to buy the necessary material for the event, where the most important thing is to give without expecting anything in return.

This year they received financial support from close friends of the Scout group enabling them to prepare the 700 breakfasts and toys. These contributions were essential in order to make the activity a success. Several Scouts from Argentina, who are in Cochabamba awaiting the start of the 1st Panamerican Scout Moot, also participated, which provided the Bolivian Scouts with more people to help them manage and successfully carry out their activities. This also allowed them to share Scout songs and games from different countries with the children.

The Incas Scout Group also had the support of community leaders, who assembled the children for the day's activities, which in turn helps to foster a good relationship between the Scouts and the community.

One of the Rovers that participated stated: "That's why I'm a Scout; to help others because I think we can make a difference and improve communities like these."

Thanks to all the Scouts in the world who spent their Christmases in a similar way and for helping to "leave this world a better place than they found it".

To obtain more information about this project, please contact the Inca Scout Group at: incascout@gmail.com