

An optician from Almería restores vision for an indigenous community in the Peru jungle

LOCATION: Almería

DURATION: 1'16"

SUMMARY: Marina Carreño is an optician-optometrist who has collaborated in a project by the Cione Ruta de la Luz Foundation to provide visual health for a Peruvian community in the Amazon jungle. In 18 days, together with a colleague she examined the vision of 299 people and prescribed glasses to 80 of these. She says that she will never forget the reactions of those who were able to see for the first time thanks to their new glasses.

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18 days spent in the Peruvian Amazon rainforest to restore the eyesight of an indigenous community. This was the unforgettable experience of an optician-optometrist from Almería.

MARINA CARREÑO **Optician-optometrist**

"We dealt with the locals, carried out consultations, returned at midday, and again in the afternoon. And from here in Spain we have sent glasses to everyone who needs them."

The project is carried out by the Cione Ruta de la Luz Foundation, in a community which thrives on hunting and craftsmanship.

MARINA CARREÑO **Optician-optometrist**

"Their visual acuity from far away is fine, but from close up the eye lens gets to a point where it can no longer focus and they can't see."

It has changed the lives of a community that didn't know what glasses were, such as a boy who practically couldn't see anything.

MARINA CARREÑO **Optician-optometrist**

"We all got goose bumps because it was the first time that he could see in some way. He didn't speak to us but he hugged us."

It's a joint work also supported by the Andalusian College of optician-optometrists.

JAVIER SEBASTIÁN **Director at Andalusian** **College of Opticians**

"All of these initiatives which help and enact the spread of optometry, we will always support them, especially in disadvantaged areas."

During her time in Peru, Marina has carried out 299 consultations and has prescribed 80 glasses, returning smiles and a future now in clear focus.

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