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Peru Annual Ministry Needs

2010 Need: \$16,600

Ministry funds will be used for:

- Arequipa rent
- Tarma parsonage rent
- Country director's travel
- Tarma radio
- Lima rent (Comas)
- Rent for new church plant in Lima (Miraflores)
- Lima/Comas church planter stipend
- Students in training (Seminary "Luz y Vida")
- Tarma community development

Project #: WCS517

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Peru

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Mission District

- Population: 27,947,000
- Evangelical Christians: 8.7%
- Organized Free Methodist Churches: 3
- FMC Membership: 318
- Ordained Ministers: 3
- Ministerial Candidates: 3
- Missionaries: J.R. and Becky Crouse, Garry and Pat Cruce
- Ecclesiastical Accountability: FMWM through Latin America Area Director

The Free Methodist Church in Peru

Origins

In 1992 a young Chilean, Victor Alvarez, asked the Chilean FMC to appoint him to open the FMC in southern Peru. When it became clear that the Chileans wouldn't have any funds to help support him, Victor said he wanted to be assigned even without funding. During his first year, he traveled by hitch-hiking and eating an apple each day for lunch. In 1994 another Chilean, Samuel Vasquez, was assigned by the Chilean conference to a church plant in Tacna, Peru, and FMWM selected him as the director of the Peruvian Mission District.

Present Ministries

Twenty congregations presently meet throughout Peru. In the south, the Tacna church ministers to many youth and single mothers. The small congregation in Arequipa is helped by the pastor and lay leaders from Tacna. An independent church in Tarma, with its rural ministries, affiliated with the Peruvian Free Methodist Church in 2002. In 2004, in a joint effort between the South Atlantic Conference and the Peruvian mission district, the first church was started in the capital city of Lima, a city of 8 million people. As part of a focus on urban areas, the third Lima church was planted in 2009. Two U.S. churches, Williamston MI and Davison MI, have partnered with the new work in Lima. The emerging church in Peru functions under the visionary oversight of Tarma pastor, Miguel Algorta. The Luz y Vida Free Methodist Seminary officially began in three cities in March 2008.