



SHORT-TERM MISSIONS



PERU WELCOME PACKET



THIS SHORT-TERM MISSIONS SITE EXISTS to connect North American families with South American families to impact their world for Christ—together! Work alongside site director Lisa Merritt and Rich and Lisa Brown, as well as national pastors in their churches and in the community.



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WHO MEET THE TEAM



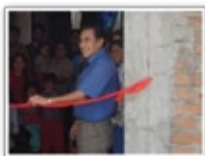
>>**LISA MERRITT** Lisa helped the Browns establish Inca Link in August 2005, and after a three-year internship, she accepted the position of Peru site director. Lisa has worked for two years with the Short-Term Missions Office of The Alliance. She has a passion for missions and helped start the day care center in Trujillo as well as many ministries in Ecuador for Inca Link.



>>**RICH AND LISA BROWN AND FAMILY** The Browns facilitate visiting teams, hire staff, and help build community among pastors and existing ministries. They were youth pastors in Trujillo for 10 years and have supported the vision of Inca Link Peru to start the day care center as well as an orphanage. The Brown kids also are involved with teams, translating for those who don't know the indigenous language.



>>**WENDY TEJADA** Wendy and her husband have been involved in the Browns' ministry for 12 years. She is an Inca Link Peru board member and has a passion for the "least of these" in the world. Her parents have worked with short-term teams for 15 years; Wendy's dad pastors an Alliance church in Trujillo. Wendy coordinates all details of the teams on the ground in Trujillo.



>>**ADRIAN ANTICONA** President of Inca Link Peru and director for the work projects in Trujillo, Adrian is on the pastoral team of the Porvenir Alliance Church in Trujillo. He has a vision for uniting church ministries and activities with compassion projects. Adrian has a burden for indigent people throughout the city.

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WHAT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

>>GARBAGE DUMP MINISTRY

Teams will have the opportunity to demonstrate the love of Jesus to families who live in a garbage dump. The plan is to distribute clothes, food, and other goods to residents. Teams will be challenged to reexamine their own lifestyles as they see Christ among “the least of these”—some of the poorest people on the globe who are happy with what little they have.

>>CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Opportunities to connect with children include teaching English and playing games with kids in area churches. The goal is to love them, teach them about Jesus, and help them to grow in maturity. Some of the work is with youngsters supported by Compassion International or from local churches that have a vision for reaching children and their families. Teams will be able to minister to the 61 children supported by Inca Link Peru who are transported out of the garbage dump to an environment that is more conducive to learning.

>>CELL GROUPS

Teams will visit the homes of Peruvian Christians and will lead small group Bible studies. Singing and testimonials also are part of the program. Some small groups play games as well. Unbelievers participate in these groups, giving opportunity for Christ to work through team members to reach hearts ready to receive Jesus.

>>SENIORS' HOME

Inca Link is partnering in a new ministry with a Catholic seniors' home, where some of the oldest and poorest people of Trujillo live. Their families and friends have abandoned them. Less than 30 percent of seniors receive visits. Teams will offer companionship, bless, encourage, and listen to these lonely people.

>>SOCCER

Every Sunday night, church teams play soccer with Peruvians. This is a special time to build relationships as well as soccer skills. Most who play are Christians, but many are not. Some teams may participate in a full day of competition with 200 to 400 youth. They will play soccer, basketball, volleyball and all kinds of fun and silly games. The night ends with a concert where the gospel is presented and testimonies are shared.





WHERE

GEO-ECONOMIC INFORMATION



»BASIC FACTS

Located in western South America and bordered by Ecuador, Colombia, Brazil, Bolivia and Chile, Peru is rich in tradition and diverse cultures. Most of the Peruvian people are Mestizo, a combination of European ethnicities. Their complicated history is deeply ingrained in Peruvian philosophy, from family structure to religion.





FAQ ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS

»»WHAT AIRPORT SHOULD BE USED?

Lima, Peru (LIM)

»»WHAT IS THE BASIC SCHEDULE FOR THE TRIP?

Tentative itinerary

MONDAY

Arrive in Lima
Travel to Trujillo by bus

TUESDAY

Breakfast
Work a.m. – day-care center/orphanage
Lunch at church
Work p.m.
Dinner at Domino's Pizza
Debrief

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast
Tourism – Chan Chan
Lunch – Food Court
Ministry – day-care center/orphanage
Cell groups in homes
Dinner at church
Debrief

THURSDAY

Breakfast
Work a.m.
Lunch at church
VBS ministry
Dinner at church
Debrief

FRIDAY

Breakfast
Work a.m.
Lunch at church
Ministry in garbage dump
Dinner at church
Soccer
Debrief

SATURDAY

Breakfast
Rest/shopping
Lunch – people's homes in Porvenir
Ministry – seniors' home
Dinner – Roky's
Cell groups in homes
Debrief

SUNDAY

Breakfast
Church – America Sur and Larco Church visits
Lunch at Huanchaco
Shopping
Church
Dinner – Chifa
Soccer
Debrief

MONDAY

Breakfast
Work a.m.
Lunch at church
Work p.m.
Dinner
Debrief

TUESDAY

Breakfast
Work a.m.
Lunch at church
Compassion International/day-care center/orphanage
Dinner at church
Debrief
Travel to Lima by bus

WEDNESDAY

Departure

»»MINISTRY GUIDELINES

Remember to sit in the outer edges and the back of the church. Spread out. Shake hands and greet everyone. Have fun and serve the people.

»»VBS MINISTRY

The children range in age from 3–12. This is a great way to share the gospel and disciple those who attend. Many times the younger ones are accompanied by their mothers, and teenagers often observe from a distance.

SAMPLE VBS OUTREACH SCHEDULE

(Approx. time 2 hrs.)

GAME TIME: 20–30 MINUTES

Group will play outside games with the children such as jump rope, ball tosses, duck duck goose, soccer, bubbles, frisbee, etc. This is a time to get to know the children and draw a crowd from the community.





FAQ ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS *(continued)*

SONG TIME: 15 MINUTES

Your group will lead five children's Spanish songs. Several of these should be upbeat songs with motions. The puppets will sing along with the CD.

MIME: 15 MINUTES

The drama group will present "Storyteller." After the program, Rick will talk about the meaning of the drama.

CRAFTS & SNACKS: 20 MINUTES

Group participation is important. Children will need help with their crafts. Distribute craft accessories and monitor to be sure all are returned.

Pack snacks, avoiding candy and sweets. Animal crackers and juice will be provided.

PUPPET SHOW: 15 MINUTES

A big highlight of the VBS is the puppet show. After, the missionary will spend a few minutes teaching the children about the moral of the story.

>>DRESS CODE

People in Peru are much more formal than in the United States. To be effective in ministry, we must respect our Peruvian brothers and sisters while in their country. We must adopt the dress customs of the country in which we are serving.

WOMEN

- Anything is acceptable to wear to church except shorts, flip flops, or running shoes.
- Jeans or shorts may be worn on work projects.
- Sweatshirts or warm jacket is recommended for the cool evenings.

MEN

- Guys must wear pants or jeans to church. No shorts, flip flops, or running shoes.
- Sweatshirts or warm jackets are recommended for the cool evenings.

SUGGESTED CLOTHES TO BRING:

- Work clothes
- Old jeans or shorts
- Old shirts
- Work gloves
- Work shoes
- Hat
- Church clothes

>>HEALTH CONCERNS

- Carry a water bottle at all times. Don't drink water out of taps; potable water is kept in large jugs. Put caps back on the water jugs when done.
- Get plenty of rest.
- Eat healthy.
- Wear a hat.
- Use sun block.

>>WHAT IS THE AGE REQUIREMENT?

Children 13 and older may participate in the trip. Younger children must be with a parent that is part of the team.

>>WHAT IS THE RECOMMENDED GROUP SIZE?

15-20 is an ideal group size. However, smaller and larger groups are accepted.

>>WHERE WILL WE BE STAYING?

Depending on the size of the group and the availability of housing, accommodations are in one of three places: a church, the guest house, or a hostel/hotel in town.

>>WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE?

Average temp is between 60°-80° year round.

>>WHAT DO WE NEED TO BRING?

Along with clothes, there are a few things you will not want to do without—strong sunscreen, a reusable water bottle, a Bible, a notebook, and as always...a good attitude!

>>SHOULD WE BRING BEDDING WITH US?

Bedding will be provided for you.

>>WHAT WILL THE MEALS BE LIKE?

Meals will be provided and prepared with the utmost care. You will have opportunities to try food that is typical to the region, but your main meals will be food you can recognize and enjoy!





FAQ ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS

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»»WILL THERE BE SNACKS TO PURCHASE?

You are encouraged to bring snacks from home.

»»CAN WE USE OUR CELL PHONES?

Your cell phones probably will not work in Peru.

»»WILL WE BE ABLE TO USE THE INTERNET?

Internet is not available at all ministry sites, and we encourage you to "unplug" while here.

»»ARE ELECTRICAL OUTLETS THE SAME AS IN THE STATES?

Using Peruvian outlets for American appliances could result in small explosions and possible fires. In the States, power is 110 voltage, in Peru, 220. Do not plug in electronic appliances without an adapter/transformer.

»»WHAT MEDICATION DO WE NEED?

We strongly recommend that you have a yellow fever shot if you will be traveling to the jungles of Peru, which currently is not planned. Hepatitis A is also a good idea. Malaria pills are an option; the Brown family does not take them as malaria has never been documented at the ministry sites. Also, make sure your immunizations, including tetanus/diphtheria, are current.

Carrying Imodium AD also is suggested. Tylenol and Advil are helpful for regular aches and pains that groups often experience after a hard day's work in construction. Asthmatics should carry an extra inhaler.

»»WHAT CAN WE BRING TO DONATE?

Among other things, Inca Link can always use bed sheets, towels, mosquito netting, cots, or inflatable bedding. The ministry sites often have specific needs, which can be determined and relayed in correspondence prior to visit. Most churches need musical instruments and sound equipment.

»»WILL WE NEED VISAS OR ANY OTHER LEGAL DOCUMENTATION?

Only a passport is needed as teams enter the country with a tourist visa, which allows for a three-month visit. Also, bring other necessary identification.

»»WHAT TYPES OF PAYMENT ARE ACCEPTED IN PERU?

Peru uses currency called soles. The exchange rate is about 2.70 soles for US\$1. Exchanges can be made in the airport, but the rate is not fair. Preparations for exchanges will be made upon arrival in Lima and/or Trujillo. Teams shouldn't need much spending money, since most expenses are covered. However, bring some cash to purchase souvenirs. Credit cards are accepted in a few places, though often for an extra fee. Checks, money orders, and traveler's checks are all difficult to use, no matter what the banks might tell you in the States and Canada! In other words: BRING CASH! For unexpected expenses, there is always the option of getting money out of a teller machine. We try to avoid trips to the bank, because we want to maximize your time here!

