

Peru



The people of Peru are known for their friendliness and hospitality and a rich cultural history, spanning millennia. More than 33 million call this land of beautiful mountains, plains, and lowland jungles home.

Peru is one of the richest countries in the world in terms of natural resources. Gold, silver, copper, zinc, lead and iron are found across the country, and there are also reserves of oil and natural gas.

Even so, jobs can be very hard to find and Peru remains one of the world's poorest countries.

The people of Peru struggle with:

- Government and institutional corruption
- High inflation that contributes to growing poverty
- 23% of teenagers do not attend high school
- More than a quarter of the population live below the poverty level, and 11.4% live on less than \$2 a day



*“Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor;
Defend the fatherless..” Isaiah 1:17 (NKJV)*

Kids Alive in Peru

We address these challenges and care for **177 kids** through five ministry sites:

- Juniper Tree Children's Home
- Orchard Children's Home
- Friends of Peru Children's Home
- Oasis Family Center
- Lighthouse Family Center

Our teams at these sites offer the following types of interventions:

Preventive programs

- After school supplemental learning program
- Accelerated high-school classes for teens and young adults
- English workshops
- Nutritional care including meals for students and food supplements for families
- Mentoring and discipleship
- Daily devotional, after-school Bible lessons, group devotionals

Strengthening programs

- Social worker assistance with securing government services
- Trauma counseling
- Education for community leaders in child protection and abuse prevention, intervention

Restorative programs

- Residential care
- Family mentoring and strengthening
- Family reintegration
- Foster family placement (in process)

Systems programs

- Legal advocacy and representation
- Advocacy and training with government institutions



Director update

It is with thankfulness that I write on behalf of Kids Alive Peru.

As a ministry that works with and for children with heartbreaking stories, it is easy to feel overwhelmed by the ugliness of the trauma they have experienced, or to dwell on the difficulty suffered from this pandemic. But we can say with thankfulness and gladness in our hearts that we have also been blessed to witness the actions of a loving Savior as those children find in Jesus "The Answer" to all of the heartbreak!

We have witnessed children restored to their families as our team works with them to find healing and a new way forward. We have been blessed to see families of children, served through our Family Center, catch a vision for their identity in Christ and start to seek to bless others in their community in His name!

Through all of this we remember the words from the Gospel of John, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." – John 1:5 (NIV)

I speak on behalf of Kids Alive Peru's staff when I say "thank you" for serving with us! Your prayers, gifts, and other acts of service are part of how God makes restoration of children from hopeless situations possible. It is nothing short of a miracle to witness children and families redeemed by God's love and restored to lives of purpose and joy.

We hope that this story of God moving and bringing forward His kingdom will bless you, as it has us, and that it would spur all of us forward as we expect to see Him do even greater things than this!



Dan Anderson
Country Director, Peru



Carlos' journey to Jesus

Carlos' aunt and her family took him in when they learned his father and stepmother were mistreating him. But sadly, life didn't get much better. While sharing a room with one of his cousins he was repeatedly abused sexually. And his aunt's neighborhood was very rough. One terrible night Carlos was found in a park, beaten, abused, and left for dead.

After receiving medical attention, his aunt realized that she couldn't keep him safe, and called the authorities to come and take him. Carlos came to live in our Orchard Children's Home in February 2017.

When he arrived, Carlos barely spoke and never liked to be touched or to give hugs. Over time, he began to feel safer. He found people he could trust. Healing began and continues to this day. After much care, counseling, and therapy, not only does he receive hugs, but also initiates them to people he feels secure with. Carlos is still very reserved, but when he speaks, people listen.

In February 2021, Carlos gave his life to Christ and decided to be baptized. Since then, his life and even his daily routine are drastically different, reflecting the power of Christ in 2 Cor 5:17, "...if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here."

Before he gets out of his bunk each morning, Carlos prays over the day and over the Orchard family. He is dedicated and disciplined. His counseling and therapeutic work have taught him how to deal with moments of distress, frustration, and anger that are part of growing up and also a part of healing, especially for kids who have been victimized like Carlos. Whether running laps around the football field, or looking for someone to talk with, Carlos has tools and resources to live a victorious life. We are so grateful God saved his life!

Ultimately, we intend to find a permanent home for Carlos as we firmly believe children thrive best in a family environment. Please continue to pray for our team and for all the boys and girls in our care.



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Thank you for faithfully standing with us as we see God's faithfulness to the children of Peru!