



# Chinese

## Hidden People in Peru

### Chinese Migration to Lima

Lima is the capital of Peru, a country located in western South America. Peru is an extremely biodiverse country with habitats ranging from the arid plains of the Pacific coastal region to the peaks of the Andes mountains to the tropical Amazon Basin rainforest.

Peru's population of nearly 32 million is multiethnic, including Amerindians, Europeans, Africans and Asians. The main spoken language is Spanish, although a significant number of Peruvians speak Quechua or other native languages.

Chinese immigrants migrated to Peru as early as the late 19th Century. The Ching Government sent the first Chinese ambassador to Peru in 1885. According to statistics gathered in 2014, there are approximately 150,000 to 200,000 first generation Chinese immigrants living in Peru, and roughly 90% of them live in Lima.

Some Peruvians say that about 10% of the total population in Peru are Chinese Peruvian. While first-generation Chinese speak Cantonese and Mandarin, there are third, fourth or even-fifth generation Chinese in Peru who speak only Spanish.

Most first-generation Chinese immigrants are restaurant workers. Local Peruvians call them "Chifa" workers, working in the 5,000 to 6,000 Chinese restaurants or take-away stores in Lima.

### Harvest is Plentiful

There are less than 1,000 believers among this first generation Chinese in Peru, and only two Chinese churches in Lima with about 150 worshippers on Sunday. Even at 1,000 believers, less than 1% of the Chinese population in Lima profess Christ. The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few!

"On the first day of our short-term trip, we taught 'How to study the Bible' for a group of believers. The text used was Matthew 8:23-27 - Jesus calming the sea.

After teaching the Bible study principles, participants worked in groups to share observations (the second session dealt with interpretation and application.)

One of the team members spoke to two of the ladies (newcomers to the group) after the session, asking them about their faith in Jesus.

Both expressed amazement at Jesus's power and desired to receive salvation! Two new sisters entered the family of God! What a joy! What a testament to God's saving power! "

Come join the team in Peru and be an instrument of God's transforming power among the Chinese!

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# Reaching Chinese Diaspora

## Church Planting Strategy

Our Goal: To mobilize church planting teams to work with the Chinese Diaspora, leading to a church planting movement of bi-lingual (Mandarin and Spanish or Cantonese and Spanish) Chinese churches in Lima, Peru.

Our Strategy: World Team is committed to raising up long-term workers for this ministry. We will, however, begin by using short-term evangelism and disciple-making vision trips over the next few years.

While we pray earnestly for long-term workers, we serve within a framework that allows for vision to grow, for ownership to be established, and for a network of churches to shoulder the task of planting new churches in Lima among the Chinese.

## Three Stages of Development

- ◆ Phase 1 (two years): We will emphasize evangelism and exposure to our vision. This will allow the team to learn, grow, and participate in ministry alongside current efforts underway.
- ◆ Phase 2 (1 year): We will focus on discipleship as our evangelistic efforts bear fruit. We will prepare our teams to disciple and encourage new believers, even while challenging them in evangelism in collaboration with visiting teams.
- ◆ Phase 3 (2 years): We will move into leadership development as we, in faith, see new believers disciplined and growing in Christ begin to form communities of believers (churches.) Together with our partners, we will discern which individuals to develop as leaders for these churches.



## Ministry Overview

People	Chinese
Language	Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish
Location	Lima, Peru
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evangelism and Discipleship</li><li>• Youth ministry</li><li>• Coaching and Mentoring Emerging Leaders</li><li>• Working side-by-side with national believers to facilitate the natural development of a culturally-relevant church</li></ul>

A team of creative, Chinese-speaking missionaries is needed to begin a new work among nearly 400,000 first, second, and third-generation Chinese living in Lima, Peru's capital city.

Many of the Chinese work long shifts in the city's nearly 6,000 Chifa restaurants. Others are well-educated engineers, doctors and business people.

Fewer than 0.06% are Christian. Isolated by distinct language and cultural differences, it will take a new approach to reach this tightly knit community.

Join the Team!

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