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Remember to pray that the people of Peru who leave their mountain homes will hear of the love of Jesus in the cities.

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God can use bad times to help people hear about Jesus.

Many years after Joseph's brothers sold him as a slave, he said to them, "**You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish ... the saving of many lives.**" (NIV)

That same thing is true these days, too, not just for us but also for groups of people. God can use bad things people do to help other people hear about Jesus. For example, the "Shining Path" men (see the story on this page) do bad things, making the mountain people of Peru leave their homes. But that brings them to where God's people can tell them the Gospel.

Do you know a child from another country? Is he or she lonely? Make friends. Invite them over to play. They may ask why you are different, and you can tell them about God's love. Maybe their parents will even let them go to Sunday school with you!

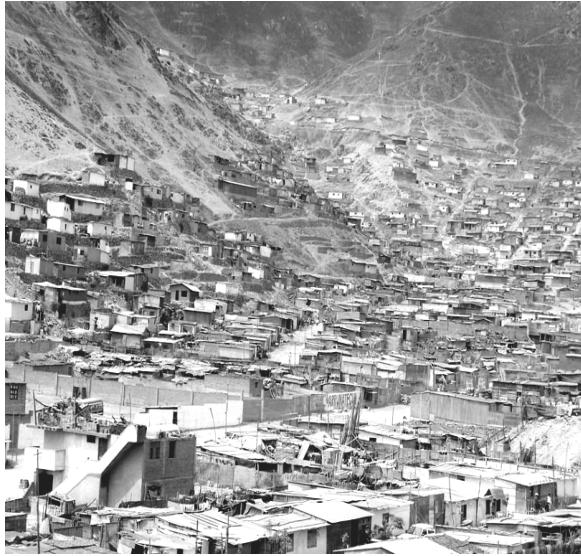


Pastor Elias Osorio & Libia

A New Church in Lima, Peru

Cars and trucks honking non-stop, a traffic cop blowing his whistle at a busy intersection, and a bread man pushing his large three wheeled cart loaded with fresh buns and pastry—these are just a few of the many sights on a normal morning in Lima, Peru.

Today is Sunday morning and many families get ready early in the day to spend their time at the beach, the park, or in the shopping malls. A small percentage (8-13%) of Christians who



live in Lima look forward each week to meet together and worship the Lord. One small church is high in the dusty, barren hills, on the outskirts of the city of Lima.

Encouraged by missionaries, a few years ago a Peruvian family began a Bible study in their home in one of Lima's poor districts. This one, Pamplona Alta, is in the dry foothills of the Andes mountains and is known as a "pueblo joven" or shantytown.

This district grew during the 1980's as many people left the mountain areas to get away from the terrorist group called "Shining Path."

Others came to this district to find better houses and jobs and to find education for their children. Most homes are built from straw mats called *esteras*. There is no electricity, water, or sewers. People who find steady work eventually replace their fragile homes with houses made from brick and cement. They also gain electricity, water and other services.

Pastor Elías Osorio and his wife, Libia, visited and talked about Jesus to as many people in their community as they could, and now they have a small new group of Christians.

Their little church of about 12

Read the two verses on page six. In the book of Revelation, the apostle John tells us what Jesus told him about the future. Most of that was in dream-like pictures (called visions).

In Revelation 14:6, Jesus showed John that one day the

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P_____ .



Think About It

What Jesus showed John in Rev. 14:6 was like a promise. Has that promise come true yet?

___ Yes ___ No

Why? Is it because God is slow in keeping his promises?

___ Yes ___ No

Or is it because His people have not yet obeyed what He told us to do in Mark 16:15, where He said, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to all creation."

___ Yes ___ No

waiting for us to do our part and tell all people of every nation about Jesus? ?

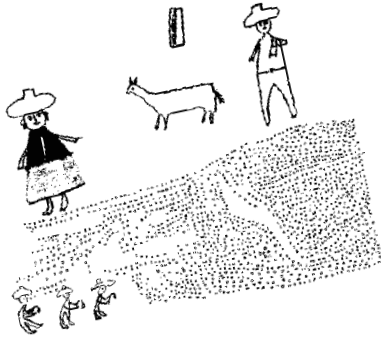
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Is it OK to push God's patience?

How can you pray about this? Write your prayer here.



Read again 2 Peter 3:9 (page 6). Why is God so patient



THE QUECHUA OF PERU

The ten million Quechua people of Peru are descended from the Incas. Many cannot make a living on the high terraces of the cold Andes mountains, so they try to find jobs in city shanty towns. "The Shining Path" guerillas have killed thousands of Quechua in terrorist attacks.

More information and prayer tips are in the book, "You Can Change the World," a book for kids by Jill Johnson. Go to your library and check it out!

The Great Commission

Revelation 14:6

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

adults and 10 children is called "Torre Fuerte" (Strong Tower). A Bible class for children is also held each Sunday morning.

Recently a baptism took place at a nearby river. Three new believers decided to follow the Lord by being baptized and publically let their families, friends, and church know that they want to love and serve the Lord.

Will you pray for this new church -

- That they will find a piece of property to build their own church building. Right now they meet in Pastor Osorio's house.
- Or that they will find a suitable building to rent.

Their own building would help them have a place to invite their friends and neighbors to come and hear about Jesus. Hardly anyone in this district of Lima knows the Lord.

Please pray with these Christians that God would show them the right place and provide all that is needed. ■



Sunday School kids



This story was written by Pat Riddell, who, with her husband Jim, are missionaries in Lima. Pat is trying to help some of the women of the church, who have little money. She has weekly cooking classes with them. This not only helps these women and their families to be more healthy, but it can also help them to earn money as they make and sell pastries and other things.



Shanty towns like Pamplona Alta, where Pastor Osorio works, grow as people leave the Andes mountains to get away from terrorists or to find better houses and jobs, and to find education for their children. **Use crayons** (not markers) to color these shanty town children. As you do, pray that other people like Pastor Osorio will go live in those places so that children like these—and their parents—will hear the Gospel and accept Jesus as their Savior.