Physically and Spiritually Feeding Children in Lima, Peru

Spiritual and Physical Food for Children of Peru
La Mision Luterana del Peru — $56,750

Castillo Fuerte Mercy House is the mercy arm of La Mision Luterana del Peru, the national Lutheran Mission of Peru. They provide for the physical and spiritual needs of children who are struggling to survive in one of the poorer districts in Lima, Peru. This grant will help provide food and supplies for this ministry.

Castillo Fuerte Mercy House is surrounded by families who struggle to provide for the basic needs of life. The parents are hardworking people who work long hours with very low pay and the children are often left on their own.

The LCMS missionaries started reaching out to these children at the local park after receiving the city’s approval to use the park for church programs. This developed into the Castillo Fuerte Mercy House and a church plant where missionaries provide after school tutoring, educational classes, a soup kitchen, as well as lessons about who Jesus is and what He has done for their salvation.

Castillo Fuerte provides a safe place for the children to grow both physically and spiritually. They provide a healthy lunch for children each weekday. Castillo Fuerte has daily chapel time and catechism classes during the week. The missionaries are teaching the children to pray, memorize Scripture, and to talk about all that God has done for them.

The ministry began by serving the needs of the children. Through the children, missionaries are able to learn about the difficult situations at home and the physical and emotional needs of their parents. Castillo Fuerte has been able to provide the services of a social worker, psychologist, health professionals, and trained teachers to meet the needs of the parents and children. The children provide an open door to reach out to the parents and share the Gospel of Christ.

La Mision Luterana del Peru is also reaching out to Venezuelan refugees in the city of Lima who have fled their country to escape violence and political persecution or because of lack of food, medicine, and essential services. There are over 377,000 Venezuelan refugees living in the city. When they arrive, they find themselves with no money, no work, no place to live, and no friends or contacts to help them. La Mision Luterana has opened their doors to the refugees and help them find shelter, food and adjust to a new life in a new country.

This grant will help finance the work of Castillo Fuerte Mercy House and La Mision Luterana del Peru as they reach out to help with the physical and spiritual needs of children and adults in Lima, Peru.

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