

Sembrando

Sowing seeds for the future for Children in Peru

A **NEW** Children's Ministry in Peru that supports the family.



Building on the success of *Future Seekers*, *Sembrando*, a new ministry, is being piloted right now. This new design is in partnership with the Lutheran Church in Peru (ILEP) ELCA World Hunger and the Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod.

Congregations in Peru have a call to strengthen families and children as they build a better future. We will accompany them in this call.

The need is **NOW** for children in Peru who look to their neighborhood Lutheran Church for the meals they would not otherwise have, help with homework and for support for their family. This new pilot program will work directly with parents who live in extreme poverty as they struggle to care for their children.

Your gift of only \$400 supports the congregation, family and children in their community for a year.

The long term goal of this program is to assist every Lutheran Church in Peru to be a mission center for children and their families. This year's program will be a pilot in 8 congregations. Each congregation, in conversation with parents, has developed ministries that address the needs of their specific community. We, as partners, will accompany them as these ministries grow.

This new program is more than sponsoring a child. It is sponsoring a whole community to wrap a support system around a child so that the family and congregation can expand their capacity to build a better future. Our synod is committed to this partnership and your help is needed.

Checks should be mailed to TLGC, marked *Sembrando*, for direct wire transfer to ILEP. An appropriate 6 % overhead will go to ILEP as the synod provides leadership training for congregations, accountability for use of funds to donors and will cover bank fees. This effort is life giving and life changing. Any financial gift is welcomed. We are accompanying congregations as they support families so that children will have a healthier future. Questions? Contact Peggy Hahn, Assistant to the Bishop at peggy@gulfcoastsynod.org, 832-594-5016 or Peru Team Chair, Jim Young at jyoung923@comcast.net.

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