

REALITY CHECK: PERU

Poverty is a central problem in Peru that has persisted for decades. Several studies on poverty have concluded that its effects in childhood and adolescence are major and, in many cases, irreversible. At a socio-economic level, poverty severely restricts the equality of present and future opportunities, which feeds a vicious circle that creates poverty in the same groups from generation to generation. Its impact is seen in the mortality rates, morbidity, undernourishment, child labor and lack of education, among other things.

Peru is a mosaic of diverse cultures, languages and ethnicities. Sembrando, which means sowing for the future," is a strategic ministry of the Lutheran Church in Peru, designed to support children, adolescents and families.



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SEMBRANDO

CHILDREN IN PERU

An international partnership of Lutherans working together on behalf of families living in poverty in Peru.



SEMBRANDO SNAPSHOT

The mission of Sembrando is to break the cycle of poverty by creating a future with hope — providing education, health care, emotional support and Christian formation for children and families served by the Iglesia Luterana Evangélica Peruana (ILEP), the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Peru.



Peruvian Lutheran congregations reaching out to their neighborhoods are at the heart of this project. Trained leaders respond to local needs in various ways. That means Sembrando takes different forms within specific guidelines set by a local oversight team.

SEMBRANDO INCLUDES

Clear expectations respecting human rights and calls for coordinated action between the congregation, pastor, synod and partners.

Children, youth and families have access to scholastic support. In some cases this looks like Montessori Schools and in other places this looks like afterschool homework help.

Meals, school uniforms and other resources are provided for participating children and youth. Parents are supported by the congregation as they nurture faith in Jesus in the home.

This project is a shared ministry of the Lutheran Church in Peru, the TX-LA Gulf Coast and La Cross Area Synods of the ELCA, the Lutheran Church in Germany (OMEL) and Canada.



CAN YOU HELP EXPAND SEMBRANDO?

We want to increase the number of families impacted by this strategic project and the training opportunities for leaders. The minimum cost for one child is \$400 per year. Training for leaders is designed annually as funds are available.

You can help. Any size gift is appreciated.

Gifts can be sent to TX-LA Gulf Coast Synod or directly wired to ILEP.

Funds for Sembrando are wired as available. As the school year starts in March, the primary time for collecting funds is November-February.

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