



Peru



Introduction to PERU

THE REPUBLIC OF PERU, built on the great Inca Empire, lies on the west coast of South America. Home to countless indigenous cultures, Peru features most of the continent's highlights within its borders: Andean peaks, Amazon rainforest, miles of coastline, and epic ruins, most notably Macchu Pichu. Profits from Peru's recent economic growth have primarily benefited the coastal region.

The PERUVIAN people

Total population:	29,546,963
Children under 15:	8,587,287
Average Life Expectancy:	70.74 years
Per capita annual income:	\$8,500
% children in primary school:	96.8%
Average years of education:	14 years
Literacy rate:	92.9%
Internet users:	7.128 million
Cell phones in use:	20.952 million
Major/official language(s):	Spanish, Quechua, Aymara
Risk issues impacting children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Of the 3.8 million people living in extreme poverty, 2.1 million are children. -Socio-economic disparities continue to characterize the country affecting more children and adolescents who are not benefiting from Peru's economic growth

More about PERU

Capital city:	Lima
Type of government:	Constitutional Republic
Square kilometers:	1,285,216
General terrain:	Western coastal plain, high and rugged Andes in center, eastern lowland jungle of Amazon Basin
Major industries/jobs:	Mining and mineral refining, steel, metal fabrication; petroleum, natural gas; fishing, fish processing, textiles, clothing, food processing
National motto:	N/A*
Major airport(s):	Aeropuerto Internacional Jorge Chávez in Lima

Reaching PERU

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian - 93.8%
Other - 3.3%
Unspecified or none - 2.9%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic - 76.6%
Other - 11.7%
Protestant - 7.3%
Independent - 4.4%

Unreached People Groups:	5 (negligible% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.019
Average annual baptisms:	479,177
Foreign missionaries:	7,200
Per million:	263.99
National Christian workers/pastors:	9,000
Per million:	329.98
Number of churches/congregations:	21,144

Children's ministry in PERU

Overview: • Peru is a predominantly Christian nation, mostly of Roman Catholic background. There is also a steadily growing, active Protestant minority.

- Children's ministry in Peru varies between large, well-resourced discipleship programs within the larger denominations, to simple, sporadic classes within small rural churches.
- While teachers are very dedicated to their denominations, most children's workers receive little support from their pastors and leaders.
- Lack of education and a shortage of training opportunities also limit children's ministers from developing the additional skills they need to properly disciple the children of Peru.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
21,144 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
8,587,287 children for Christ