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YMCA Experience Path

## **The Gospel is Preached to the Poor Peru, Lima**

**Peru, situated on South America's West coast**, possesses valuable treasures. Not only the heritage of the ancient Inca empire, but also its beautiful landscapes with the rain forest and the Andes chain are part of its riches.

**However, you will also find deep poverty** in the country. 16 percent of the about 27 million inhabitants live underneath the poverty line. There is a high unemployment rate, and many people only secure their survival by doing casual work. Hopelessness is widely spread.

### **Reaching Out from the Heart**

Christians are commissioned to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all men. Therefore, the YMCAs in Germany support their Peruvian partners in their preaching and in their social and helping efforts. For one year, young people go to Lima in order to testify and pass on their Christian faith together with Peruvian Christians in many different ways.

### **Our Partners in the Country**

ACJ Peru (the Peruvian YMCA) was founded in 1920. Its about 100 workers offer sports and leisure time programmes as well as education, by which they also invite to the faith in Christ, and in the slums of Lima, they also offer a broadly ranged development programme. There, women receive pastoral care and help to increase the family income by doing needleworks. At the same time they learn to care for hygiene in their houses and healthy food for their children as a means of disease prevention.

Children experience joy and fellowship in group programmes and listen to interesting bible stories. Like that, the social aspects of the work and the preaching of the Gospel go together more and more. ACJ workers are hope bearers, and again and again they manage to make the children smile.

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