

## **Update About The Ayacucho Initiative**

Dear Leader,

I want to give you a brief report of the progress of the Ayacucho Initiative here in the Andes mountains of Peru.

Briefly stated, to give you some context for this update, our vision is to see cities across the Peruvian Andes, South America, and the world inclined towards Jesus instead of sin, it's corruption and destructive effects. And we believe this inclination will happen best as the hearts and lives of individuals are being transformed by the gospel of Jesus, those individuals who live in the varied strata of the city society, including professionals and college students. We have begun in the city of Ayacucho.

We hosted six mission teams this summer and one more should arrive in November. One medical team served over 200 people over three days. The mayor of the district invited us back and wants to double everything we did and has offered to pay for the transportation of a much larger amount of medicine from the United States. We need varied specialists for this effort in July of 2018. The gospel was shared verbally with the majority.

Further, three young ladies served with us for the summer, two of which will return for at least two years this September, the other hoping to return in a year to serve on our team, yet in the next smaller town over, teaching English in a Christian school for the poorer children. We would like to see a church planted in Ayacucho that has a practical external focus. Another couple should be arriving here next year for some years and they should be focusing on university students and sports ministry. We have been doing a weekly English class and hosting a monthly men's meeting that provides a safe yet challenging environment to explore how the gospel applies to their lives. Both non-believers and believers are coming. All this is prep.

Some of our plans and goals are these:

1. Train three active evangelists before this year's end and double this amount each year for the next five years.
2. Launch our home group bible study ministry this March and double the amount of groups yearly over next five years.
3. Launch our English Institute by August of 2018 and double the amount of students for five years with sufficient teacher support.
4. Raise \$250,000 of \$500,000 necessary for purchasing a building and for Peruvian Personnel Support by end of 2018.
5. Launch our Public Worship Service Easter Sunday of 2019.
6. Buy Land and Purchase a building in the city by June 2019 to house our English Institute, our Church Planting and Leadership Institute, and the mission teams and students.
7. Launch the Church Planting and Leadership Institute in August of 2019 or March of 2020.

8. Send out our first church planting team to another city, maybe Huancayo, in 2023.

Of course, all this is beyond just a few to accomplish on a practical level, not to mention the spiritual one. Please pray that an army of active personal **Peruvian** evangelists will be trained over the next months and years. We are looking for medical, construction, interview, and training teams for the future. Our personnel needs are great.

We stand in need of your prayers for spiritual strength and wisdom.

We are raising the funds necessary to rent, and later purchase, a building for the American English Academy. Though this ministry will be self-supporting in the future, there is quite the start-up cost.

Friends, our plan is to see it all through.

Blessings!

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