

## Peru Covenant Report

The Peru Covenant team continued its work this year in strengthening the relationship between the North Carolina Conference United Methodist Church and the Iglesia Metodista de Peru. The Covenant was established in 1990, and continues today. We celebrate the continuation of the seminary work in Lima, which addresses a critical need in the Methodist Church of Peru by training pastors for ministry. This effort of the Wesley Heritage Foundation and the General Board of Global Ministries will one day reach not only current and future pastors of the Peruvian church, but also current and future pastors of other South American countries. A team from Southern Pines UMC worked side by side with several others in the spring of 2010 to further the work of dormitory renovations so that students from outside Lima will have comfortable housing in which to live and study while at school. The kitchen and dining area was addressed as was the water supply line. Work remains to be done in support of this, and future teams are encouraged to make plans to go assist with the work and to encourage the seminary students in their studies. In addition to the Southern Pines team, a team from White Plains UMC went to Huancayo in the summer of 2009 and worked on a parsonage project and led a Vacation Bible School.

In North Carolina, the Peru Covenant team sent funds to assist with specific ministries located in Chincha and Huancayo. These ministries work specifically with children in providing meals and mentoring, tutoring and ongoing support (with Breakfast of Love offerings). We are excited about being in ministry alongside our brothers and sisters in Peru.

The Peru Covenant team recognizes that in order for the covenant to reach its full potential, it must involve and represent more than the members of the covenant and their churches. We must find ways to share the work and opportunities available with all churches in the North Carolina Conference in order to realize the full meaning of being in Conference Covenant relationship with Methodists in Peru. In that effort, communication materials are in production to distribute to churches in the bounds of the conference in 2010.

The relationship between the Methodist Church of Peru and the United Methodist Church in the states reaches far beyond the Covenant table and includes Duke Divinity School, the Wesley Heritage Foundation, the General Board of Global Ministries and Peruvian pastors in the NCCUMC working as missionaries. The purpose of the Peru Covenant team is to continue strengthening ties between the two churches and building the Body of Christ. As the Methodist Church of Peru addresses challenges, we invite all members of the NCCUMC to support the church with prayers, gifts and support.

Respectfully submitted,

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