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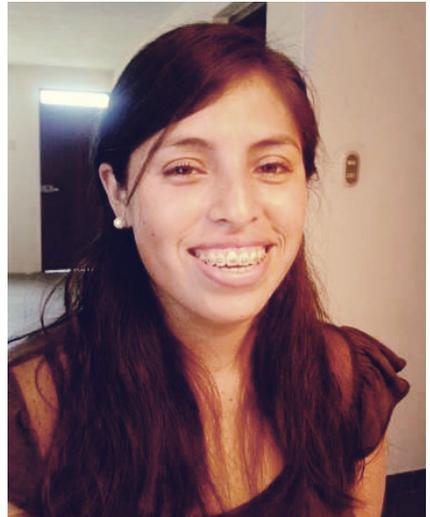
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Praying for young people, valuing young people and supporting young people is the best way to invest in a prosperous future.



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The diocesan youth ministry in Peru is yearning for growth in faith. With bags of passion but short on resources the youth ministry's focus is to train and equip leaders to evangelise, disciple and send out young people in service. It provides resources and materials to leaders and their groups, delivers training events and organises summer youth camps. The hope is to expand these programmes and to help churches have a vibrant and Christ centred youth ministry. With a boost, many more young people could be equipped and resourced.

A word from the diocesan youth ministry coordinator, Lizbeth Varillas: "The Diocese of Peru is growing and the churches are reaching areas where there are many young people who still don't know God. I believe it is important to grow the number of youth leaders which is one of the tasks of the youth ministry, and also one of my heart's desires. We have an opportunity to motivate and walk with young people enabling them to grow, learn and mature in faith, ministry and service. In this way we hope that they, as leaders, might encourage young people from their local churches and wider communities to truly know God."



*Young people in Lima*

## Peru **Overview**

Peru is possibly one of the most diverse countries in the world. From the Amazon rainforest in the east, through soaring Andean peaks, down to the desert coastal plains on the western pacific coast, there is something for everyone. It is famous for the stunning “Machu Picchu” Inca city in the mountains, lilting pan pipe music, colourful clothing and of course Paddington Bear! Peru also lays claim to the source of the mighty Amazon, the humble potato and the oldest civilisation of the Americas. It has a population of nearly 30 million with around a third of people living in the capital, Lima. Peru is rich in natural resources and yet the great majority of the population live in poverty.



### **Population**

30 million

### **Capital**

Lima

### **Area**

1, 285, 000 sq km

### **Major languages**

Spanish is the main official language. Two other prominent languages of Peru are Aymara and Quechua.

## DID YOU **KNOW?**

- Peru is one of the most bio-diverse countries in the world, containing 83 of a possible 103 types of ecological zones. The world’s largest rain forest, the Amazon jungle, covers half of Peru’s total landmass.
- It is home to 75% of the world’s tropical glaciers. It also has one of the world’s richest marine ecosystems.
- Peru is one of the world’s richest countries in terms of natural resources. Gold, silver, copper, zinc, lead, iron and reserves of natural gas and oil can be found across the country.

# Prayer **for Lizbeth**

Dear God

We believe that praying for young people, valuing young people and supporting young people are investments worth making. We pray for the diocese of Peru, the diocesan youth ministry coordinator, Lizbeth Varillas and every young person who has contact with Lizbeth and the various youth initiatives. We pray for growth in the number of youth leaders. Grant all those in leadership the wisdom, vision and skills to resource and encourage young people to mature in faith. We commit to you all those in leadership within the diocese of Peru.

## Prayer **Points**

### **Focus**

Pray that Lizbeth will stay focused on God and His plans above all else.

### **Faithfulness**

Pray that Lizbeth will have a daily routine which allows her to read and study the Bible within a busy ministry.

### **Humility**

Pray for Lizbeth that she will have a spirit of humility and may God grant her wisdom in carrying out her various responsibilities.

### **Rest**

Pray that God will help Lizbeth recognize her need for rest away from the various ministry tasks.

### **Boldness**

Pray for boldness as Lizbeth shares the good news of Jesus Christ.

### **Growth**

Give thanks for the diocesan youth ministry and pray for Lizbeth as she works with numerous groups of young people. Pray for the young people who have come to faith.

### **Discipleship**

Pray for Lizbeth as she coordinates discipleship training throughout the diocese. Pray for wisdom, patience and growth as Lizbeth seeks to train and equip leaders to live as disciples of Christ.

**If you would like to participate with SAMS through receiving prayer updates on Lizbeth's ministry, or financially supporting Lizbeth's work in Peru, please contact SAMS.**