General Information

Weather

Perú is a very dusty, cold, and dry climate. July is Peru's winter! You will want to bring clothing suitable for layers. Warm socks and a beanie are recommended.

Walking

This trip will require some walking. We will have a van to drive us back and forth from our hostel to the neighborhoods where we will spend our mornings and afternoons. Our evenings will consist of opportunities to connect with the local church and connect with our long term missionaries. This can sometimes consist of walking to a nearby restaurant. It will be semi-extraneous activity and would be a good idea to begin walking now.

Rooming

We will likely be staying in a hostel. There are western toilets, but be prepared for **COLD** showers. Sleeping accommodations will be two to a room. You can choose your roommate, or when we arrive on the ground be assigned a roommate. Girls with girls, and guys with guys only, unless family.

Immunizations

No immunizations are required, but you can visit: www.cdc.gov for a list of recommended shots for travelers.

Wifi

Wifi may be available in the hostel, though not always reliable. We recommend that you spend the week away from your phone, making most of the community around you.

Our Core Values

Missions

We will support worldwide missions with our prayers, encouragements and financial help, and we will seek to send out short-term and career missionaries to the harvest fields (Matthew 9:36-38; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 13:1-3).

Prayer

Believing that God answers prayer, we will rely on personal and group prayer in the planning and execution of all church ministries, and we will pray regularly for the salvation of the lost and the spiritual growth of believers (Matthew 7:7-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Philippians 4:6-7).

Service and Training Trip

Summer 2019 (August 1-9)

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How You Can Serve

There are three main ways to serve on this trip! We will be hosting a Vacation Bible School for children ages 2-10 in two neighborhoods. We will organize pastoral and family conferences, teaching in areas such as Theology, Marriage, Parenting, Discipleship and Mentoring. Lastly, this year we also have the opportunity to do construction work inside a local church through expanding a classroom.

We need people willing to serve who can lead small group worship in the mornings, photographers, journalists, short devotion providers, and organizers to plan/host pre and post trip meetings.

It is not essential to speak Spanish. However, translators, and Spanish speakers are HIGHLY recommended to come and be a part of what God is doing in Perú!

Our Team

We desire a group of 8-10 individuals who are 18 and older unless accompanied by an adult. These individuals should be ready for long, exhaustive hours traveling and able to adapt to a flexible schedule. Though we may be given an itinerary, it is important to remember that things could change at any given moment. We will do our best to go by the given schedule, but please be open and flexible to unforeseeable schedule changes.

The time zone is the same in Perú as it is in Stephenville. Therefore, your body will have one less thing to adjust to. You should, however, be prepared for multiple flights and layovers.

Your Trip Leaders

Daniel McCabe

Daniel attended Dallas Theological Seminary, receiving a Master's of Christian Education and a Master's of Theology, and Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary, receiving a Doctorate in Pastoral Ministry. Daniel will be overseeing those involved in our teaching ministry. This will be Daniel's second trip to Perú.

Miguel Gomez

Miguel started and leads our Spanish-language congregation. He completed a degree in Bible and Theology from Palabra de Vida in Argentina. He hopes to return one day to his native country of Peru to begin a church planting ministry in the capital city of Lima. Miguel will be overseeing those involved in our children's ministry in Perú.

Team Meeting Requirements

This team will be required to attend monthly meetings as agreed and discussed by team leaders. It is important to prepare our hearts now and grow as a team while serving locally, before we leave the ground to serve in another area.

These meetings will occur during a time that works best for those going on the trip. Commitment to attend is essential, and vital to our growth as a team. If we want to Christ to have the greatest impact through us, we must learn how to love those we are going to serve.

History in Peru

Miguel and Becky are our stateside missionaries who currently serve the Spanish congregation at Elk Ridge. In addition, Elk Ridge supports two families in Peru. We have had a relationship with these families since early 2014. In the Summer of 2017, Elk Ridge had its first opportunity to send out a short-term team of 6 alongside the Gomezes to the city of Lima, Peru.

God used this ground-breaking trip to open the doors to continue the relationships made, and therefore we will be taking our third annual trip, Summer 2019! The hopes and desires of Elk Ridge are to learn and grow with our Peruvian neighbors, while raising up short-term and career missionaries.

Trip Payments

The trip will cost approximately \$1,500.00 The first payment of \$500.00 is due by June. The second payment of \$500.00 is due by Early July. The remaining balance will be due Late July. We can discuss as a group different fundraising ideas. You are also encouraged to write a letter to friends and family explaining your opportunity to serve.

Passports and Visas

You must have a valid U.S. passport to travel to Peru. You can visit the county clerk on the square in Stephenville for a passport application, or ask your trip leader for help.

Visas are obtained upon arrival of country. These visas are only good for that specific trip and can not be used again. Each time you travel to Peru, you will obtain a new visa stamp in the airport upon arrival.