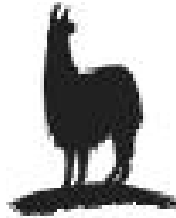




# ¡Vamos al Perú!

( We're going to Peru together! )

**2010 Delegation  
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## *Iglesia Luterana Evangélica Peruana*

When the parents left for work in the morning, no one remained at home to feed the children. The women of Talitha Kum, a mission congregation on the outskirts of Cusco, dreamed of something better for the children of their neighborhood. After five years, their dream became a reality in May 2006.

With the help of their husbands, they built a small room and filled it with a homemade table and benches. A donated gas stove sits in the corner unused; they had no money to buy propane. Instead they placed large flat stones into the dirt to create open-air fire pits for cooking.

Every morning the women take turns shopping, cooking, and taking care of their children. Their backs are bent over as they light the fire and set the huge pots to boil.

With only one water spigot in the whole neighborhood, residents must fill up their buckets every morning to haul water back to their homes. The women used to do the same – a backbreaking job when you're feeding the whole neighborhood – until they requested permission to use a hose twice weekly to fill up their plastic water barrels.

When the food is ready, 50-60 people come for a meal daily, young and old, men and women. The cost is 30 cents for workers and 45 cents for everyone else. The whole community is invited.

So were we. Out comes a huge pot of delicious rice soup seasoned with cilantro. Then platters of cooked beets, carrots, and fresh cucumbers are set in the middle of the table. Finally comes the main course: plates overflowing with rice, a local variety of potato, and trout from a mountain pond, fried to a golden crisp. The best we've tasted!

*A story from the previous delegation to Peru*



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