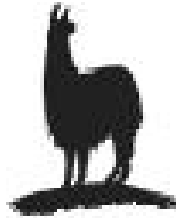




¡Vamos al Perú!

(We're going to Peru together!)

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Five years ago, it was an empty field on the edge of Cusco, the ancient capital of Peru. Now 60 families call it home. They bought the land, dug the heavy clay soil, mixed it with straw and water, and formed it into large red adobe bricks to dry in the sun. Homes and stores rose up out of the ground to form a brand new neighborhood.

One of these families asked for a mission pastor to start a new congregation. A recent seminary graduate, Ofelia Davila, was ordained Dec. 30, 2001, and began work just six days later. She attended neighborhood events and invited neighborhood residents to join a new community of faith. When they first began to gather, they met outdoors, even when it was raining!

She taught neighborhood women to sew so they could make clothes for themselves and their children. They made Christmas cards to sell, and began serving a daily meal to everyone in the neighborhood. They bought land with the money they earned, and built a kitchen and small meeting room from the same clay soil. The floors are dirt now, but the pastor proudly shows plans for a new building which will one day rise to further serve the whole community.

What would they name this new community of faith? They thought of 20 different possibilities. Then during a Bible study they learned how Jesus raised the daughter of Jairus with the words "Talitha kum" or "Rise up."

"Jesus raised up a young woman," they said, "and Jesus has raised up us women too! Let's call ourselves Talitha Kum." And so it is! *A story from the previous delegation to Peru*



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