



Peru

Peru is the third-largest country in South America behind Brazil and Argentina. It borders Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, and Ecuador as well as the Pacific Ocean. Even though it lies along the ocean, its coast is desert and is drier than the Sahara. The Andes Mountains are covered with snow, and there are thick, humid rainforests, too. Lake Titicaca in the south holds the record of being the highest lake in the world that can be navigated.

Many ancient peoples lived in the area of modern-day Peru including the Chavin, Moche, Chimu, Inca, and Aymara. In the early 1500s, the Spanish, led by Francisco Pizarro, conquered the Inca in order to mine the silver and gold in the area. Spanish and Quechua, the language of the Inca, are the nation's official languages today.

Today, Peru remains an important supplier of gold and silver as well as copper, lead, and zinc. Despite this, most of the people in Peru are poor. Some are farmers and raise artichokes, asparagus, avocados, blueberries, coffee, cocoa, cotton, sugarcane, rice, potatoes, corn, plantains, grapes, oranges, pineapples, guavas, bananas, apples, lemons, pears, tomatoes, mangoes, barley, medicinal plants, quinoa, palm oil, marigolds, onions, wheat, and dry beans. They also raise poultry and cattle.



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I hope you've enjoyed visiting four of the many amazing places in Peru! Before you leave to go home, could I ask you to do something special for the people here? Many people in Peru believe in Jesus, but the country battles much poverty and other challenges from its past, and there are people who still haven't understood yet that Jesus loves them.

Will you remember to pray for the people of Peru? Here are a few things you can pray for. You can add more prayer requests to the list as you think of them!



Pray that people will have Bibles to read in whatever language they speak.



Pray for the people living in Lima, Arequipa, and Cuzco, working in and near Machu Picchu, and in every city and town to believe in Jesus.

