

FIGHTING POVERTY ... IN PERU

ECUMENICAL CHURCH LOAN FUND

CHILDREN NURTURED WITH CARE, LOVE AT LIMA DAYCARE CENTER

Three and a half years ago, Celia Quicaño Escalante joined a solidarity group called "Los Buenos Amigos," which means "The Good Friends," with Five Talents partner, ECLOF-Peru in the San Juan de Miraflores district of Lima.

Celia and her husband Basilio Lloella Moreano, a taxi driver, have three children and one grandchild. Knowing the needs of working parents, Celia decided to start a daycare, where she currently cares for eight small children. She not only cares for them, but helps them develop fine motor skills and how to have good manners. The spiritual growth she has experienced with this Five Talents partner is exemplified in the love and guidance she offers these children.



Celia Quicaño Escalante

"I find it very curious that a microfinance institution would be concerned about the spiritual development of their clients," she said. "The spiritual trainings strengthen me and help to improve my life and the way that I treat and teach my children. I believe that the help that Five Talents has given me transformed my life."

WHERE WE WORK



San Juan de Miraflores

Since 2005, Five Talents has been working with the Anglican Diocese of Peru and the Ecumenical Church Loan Fund (ECLOF) to establish a branch office in San Juan de Miraflores - a slum district of Lima where rural people have migrated to the city looking for work.

The district has a population of around 367,000 inhabitants, with an extremely high population density of 15,310 inhabitants per square kilometer. Of the residents, 6.3% are suffering from chronic malnutrition. Housing is inadequate and basic services such as water and drainage are lacking. One in three school-aged children do not attend, and one in four primary school children are malnourished.

Women entrepreneurs identified as having the lowest income levels from their small businesses are given priority in membership selection for the groups. Members receive training in business and discipleship, both before loans are disbursed and during the repayment period. The goal of this programme is to raise family income by 30%.

In April 2009, ECLOF opened an office in Huancavelica, which is about 140 miles southeast of Lima. In the department Huancavelica, 85.7% of the people live at or below the poverty line. This is the highest in Peru.

FIVE TALENTS NEEDS YOUR HELP

In 2010, we are raising £106,200 for the Peru program. Help us break the cycle of dependency by considering a donation today — your contribution will create jobs and transform lives.

STATISTICS

LIMA - SOUTHERN CONE

Number of members: 1,758
 Average initial loan: £100
 Total Outstanding Portfolio: £211,225
 Repayment rate: 96%

HUANCVELICA

Number of members: 336
 Average initial loan: £100
 Total Outstanding Portfolio: £19,841
 Repayment rate: 87%

PERU

- Population living below the national poverty line: 53%
- Population living on less than \$2 a day: 37.7%
- Number of physicians per 1,000 people: 1.2

