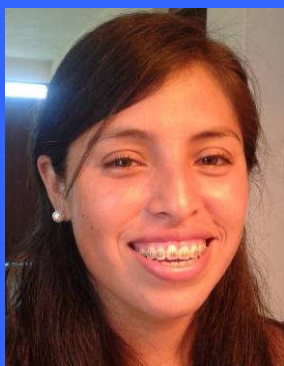


# Ministeria Juvenil

News from Peru's Anglican Youth Ministry

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## Thank You!

We thank you for your prayers and support. Truly you are a great help in extending the Kingdom of God in Peru. Your continuing support of us in service of young people is a confirmation that what we are doing is

in God's plans and that encourages us!

## Vision

We thank the Lord for the opportunity that he has given us to continue to share with Peruvian young people the vision that he gave us in 2010 – "Young people and youth leaders connected to the True Vine" which was inspired by His word in John 15:4-5. We are seeing that the leaders and young people

are understanding this and beginning to apply it in their lives. We are now adding a further step to this vision – "and bearing good fruit". We want to see young people abiding in Christ and that they learn that a life that abides in Christ implies that you also bear fruit; in love for the Lord, in spiritual growth, in your life's witness, in the church that you attend and in service of your neighbour. Our summer camps have been a good opportunity to share this using verse 5 as the theme of the camp – "He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit". This summer we have shared wonderful times of blessing with the young people of Lima, Ica, Arequipa and Juliaca. We hope they have returned encouraged and that the word sowed in their hearts will take root and bear fruit.



"Youfruit" Summer Camp 2012 – One of three!

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**Young Leader Discipleship**

## *Discipleship*

As a youth ministry we want to continue reaching many young people. Youth in Peru are one of the largest sections of the population, as in many parts of the world. Because of this we see the need for leaders in our diocese who can accompany these young people that they reach through their parishes and missions. We pray to the owner of the harvest that he sends workers. Our principal challenge is to continue investing time in drawing in, accompanying and equipping leaders. Our hope is to see leaders love God with all their heart so that they live lives that abide in Christ and as such that they might bring young people to Christ, that they might guide them in their faith and serve them better in their ministries.

We are seeing some fruits in the leaders, through discipleship of these leaders in small

groups (we have one for male leaders and one for female leaders) and we see that little by little they are allowing Jesus deeper into their lives. They find it difficult to live a life that abides in Christ because they have frustrations, distractions and worries, as does every young person. However, in their witness we see that they are working on it and that God is working in them.

## *On a personal note*

Personally I am delighted that God continues to guide us in the same direction as a youth ministry team to serve the young people. Thanks be to God for each one of them (Rachel, Deacon responsible for Youth Ministry; David, Youth Ministry intern who has recently joined the team; and Paul), for the gifts that he has given us, that he allows



**Bible Study: Youth Leader's Retreat**



**Youth Leader Workshop - Arequipa**





**Young people getting into the Bible**

each one of us to be a useful and important instrument for Him as part of the team, to be able to listen to the Lord, to abide in Him, to be guided in his purposes for my life and in His service in ministry. I am also praying to God that he will soon put in my path a companion who might be a blessing and accompany me in this adventure of living for Him. I also am praying to have the time to be able to devote to studying to equip me to be able to serve Him better.

### *Finances: A note from Paul*

Most of the events that the diocesan youth ministry runs are self sufficient – summer camps, youth leader retreats, leader workshops. We even generate income through a family fun day for the churches and the community. Long term we are working to be a self sustaining ministry but we do still need support to enable our youth coordinator

to live (!) and serve the young people of Peru. We need less than a fifth of what it costs me to serve here but that is still nearly £5000 / \$8000 annually which is a major challenge for us. God has continued to provide faithfully for the youth ministry but we would love to hear from others interested in supporting this work.

### *A New Youth Intern*

David is a youth leader at Jesus the Saviour church. David splits his time between work in building maintenance to support himself and his Mum, tutoring at the church's project with



**Creative Worship**



**David, our new youth ministry intern**



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disadvantaged children, studying at university and volunteering as a youth leader at church.

David received a bursary for half of the cost of his studies from the university due to his excellent marks. The Diocese of Peru's Youth Ministry is helping support David through his studies. He is also an intern with the Diocesan Youth Ministry team where he receives mentoring and discipleship. He gets the opportunity to sharpen the skills he is learning in service of other young people. He helps run workshops for other young people and also uses his gifts in helping young people in the diocese participate in worship through music.

### *For your prayers*

Please thank God for all that he has been doing over the last year with young people here in the Diocese of Peru:

- For his vision for the ministry
- For all of the summer camps, youth leader retreats and workshops and much more that He has blessed.

- For the fruits of a life abiding in Him which our young leaders are beginning to show
- For His provision

Please continue to pray for the "Ministerio Juvenil" as we seek to serve God and share his love with young people across the Diocese of Peru:

- For youth leaders across the diocese, their discipleship, that they might abide in Christ
- For each of us as we serve them, for His guidance, love and wisdom and for times of rest and equipping
- For young people across the diocese, for leaders for them where currently there are none, and for fruits in their lives following the summer camps
- For this year's activities, including workshops with leaders, youth leader's retreat, family fun day and summer camps
- For God to provide all of the necessary resources to do His work.

**“DON'T LET ANYONE LOOK DOWN ON YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE YOUNG, BUT SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE BELIEVERS IN SPEECH, IN LIFE, IN LOVE, IN FAITH AND IN PURITY.”**

**1 TIMOTHY 4:12**