

Will you join us in prayer?

Will you remember the Peruvians in your prayers? Please pray that the members of our mission always treasure true Lutheran doctrine...that their efforts to share God's Word are fruitful...that God specifically blesses the outreach work they conducted during their Reformation celebration.

Would you like to help?



Members of the Peruvian Church celebrated the Lord's Supper together.

Our mission in Peru is blessed with many opportunities to share the gospel. Our Peruvian brothers operate a seminary in Lima with extensions in Tarapoto and Chimbote plus two schools in Lima and two in the jungle. The Church is beginning exploratory work in new communities. However, these initiatives come at a cost. Please remember our mission with financial support.

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Celebrating the Reformation in Peru

Across the Evangelical Lutheran Synod this year we celebrated the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. What a wonderful occasion! We were reminded that our teachings are based on grace alone, faith alone, and scripture alone. How did you celebrate? Did you attend a reformation event? Watch the latest movie about Martin Luther? Participate in a seminar or bible study? Worship at a festival service?



The Peruvian Church celebrated the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

A very special celebration occurred at our mission in Peru. Hundreds of people from throughout the country gathered together for a three-day event at our mission's headquarters in Lima.

The first day consisted of a pastors' conference. Pastors, vicars, and seminary students gathered together to worship and study. Perhaps

the most inspiring aspect of the event was the presence of five jungle evangelists. They traveled by canoe, bus, and then plane to arrive in Lima. It was their first time in an airplane and their first time in such a big city. They were not only encouraged by the opportunity to participate, but their attendance was an encouragement to the other men in attendance.



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devotion and explanation of the Luther seal. There were performances by chorale groups, soccer and volleyball matches, and artistic presentations. Several congregations from throughout Peru also attended and provided various forms of entertainment. The jungle evangelists also sang several hymns in their native language.

The second day consisted of a festival. This festival was an outreach event. Our mission in Peru operates two schools in Lima, *Martín Lutero* and *Jesús Redentor*. Many of the students and their families are not connected to a church. To reach these students and families with the gospel message, our mission invited them to take part in the Reformation celebration. The day began with a

The third day consisted of a general reunion. The Peruvians have been holding general reunions for years. They include a festival worship service and lunch. Over one hundred people were in attendance confessing their faith, singing praises, hearing the proclamation of the law and gospel, and receiving communion. A hymn the Peruvians especially love, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” was sung at the end of the service.

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