



Peru

QUICK FACTS

POPULATION: 29,180,899

LANGUAGE: Spanish (official), Quechua (official), Aymara, and a large number of minor Amazonian languages

RELIGIOUS GROUPS: Roman Catholic 81%, Seventh Day Adventist 1.4%, other Christian 0.7%, other 0.6%, unspecified or none 16.3%

OPENED FIELD IN 1997

DRUM FAMILY ENTERED FIELD IN 2008

DRUM FAMILY MINISTRIES:

- Children's ministry
- Discipleship
- Evangelism
- Short-term mission team coordination
- Teaching
- Youth ministry

For more information about the Drums, visit their web site at <http://www.themissionsociety.org/people/drum> or <http://www.drumsforchrist.org>.

If you would like to make a donation, online giving is available through The Mission Society web site at <http://www.themissionsociety.org>.

Billy and Laurie moved to Peru after serving as short-term missionaries to Mexico for several years. Their love of God, His mission, and the Latin American people is contagious. From discipleship groups to teaching English to children's ministry, the Drums are involved in a variety of ministries that seek to reach the hearts of the Peruvian people.

Billy and Laurie attended Texas A&M University. Billy earned a degree in horticulture, as well as a teaching certificate in science. He worked in horticulture and forestry for 16 years before teaching in the public school system for four years. Laurie earned a degree in education with a minor in health and taught for 15 years. The Drums also co-owned a portrait photography business for several years.

In 1997, the Drums were visiting churches and happened to attend one that was celebrating its mission involvement that week. The church was active in Mexico and Billy and Laurie both felt called to participate in the work there. They began going on weekend mission trips, then week-long trips, which evolved into summer-long trips. They became the short-term mission coordinators, leading teams from different churches into Mexico to share the love of Christ with people. After several years, they felt God leading them to full-time missionary service to the people of Latin America.

Billy and Laurie joined The Mission Society and were appointed to serve in Peru. Laurie teaches math, science, and English at a local Christian school in Huancaayo. Billy is researching street children's ministry programs and trying to reintegrate these children into the school system. The Drums continue

to coordinate short-term mission teams from the U.S. They are also opening the North American Language Institute to offer English classes to Peruvians. Many Peruvians desire to learn English, and building relationships through language learning can open many doors to sharing the gospel.

In addition, the Drums lead Bible studies and discipleship groups in their home. Many other ministry opportunities are presented in the daily lives of Billy and Laurie. Nearby churches and orphanages frequently request help to create children's ministries and other programs. In these situations the Drums seek to help nationals develop programs that church members can lead and replicate in other areas.

When asked about their ministry in Peru, the Drums say, "We are making ourselves available every day to what God wants us to do and who He wants us to share His love with today. If you make yourself available to Him and fully rely on His ability to lead you to the right people and in the right direction, He will. It happens every day. Divine appointments — chances to love unconditionally and let His light shine through you."