



## Peru

### QUICK FACTS

**POPULATION:** 29,546,963

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

**RELIGIOUS GROUPS:** Roman Catholic 81.3%, Evangelical 12.5%, other 3.3%, unspecified or none 2.9%

**OPENED FIELD IN 1997**

**IVEY FAMILY ENTERED FIELD IN 2001**

**IVEY FAMILY MINISTRIES:**

- Children's ministry
- Discipleship
- Evangelism
- Leadership development training
- Short-term mission team coordination

For more information about the Ivey Family, visit their web site at <http://www.themissionsociety.org/people/ivey> or <http://www.iveymission.org>.

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

Arthur, Mary Alice, and their three children felt called to serve in Peru after years of short-term mission work. Through the discipleship ministries of which they are a part, thousands of people have come to know Jesus and are reaching out in mission themselves.

Arthur graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology with a degree in civil engineering. He worked as an engineer for many years while he felt a growing call to serve cross-culturally. Mary Alice graduated from Georgia State University with a degree in early childhood education and taught school for several years. The Iveys participated in short-term mission trips for 13 years while praying about moving overseas.

Arthur and Mary Alice moved to Peru in 2001. There they are primarily involved in evangelism and discipleship, as well as children's ministry. They have coordinated the discipleship of more than 2,600 people in different parts of the country. They are working to translate the curriculum they use into two Quechua dialects, Panao and Huancavalica. Their goal is to bring people to know Jesus as Lord and train them to be able to witness to others. They have seen a dramatic change in many people's lives as they accept Jesus and seek to live a godly life.

The Iveys also run a "Kids' Club" ministry. More than 850 children come to the Clubs each week. There are currently 48 leaders leading 12 groups of Clubs in parks and open fields all over Peru. There is a need for more group leaders so the program can expand and reach more children.

Arthur and Mary Alice also host many short-term teams from the U.S. each year. The medical teams that

have come to Peru have treated many thousands of people that had little or no access to medical care, and have seen thousands of people come to know the Lord. Teams of college students have also come to Peru to witness to university students, as well as other types of teams that help extend the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

The Iveys created La Fraternidad Misionera, a Peruvian organization that helps them to create self-sustaining ministry initiatives from Peruvian sources using micro-enterprise businesses and other avenues. One such business is a bottling plant that bottles Peruvian soft drinks. The money generated supports Peruvian nationals who are planting churches.

Their children are thriving in Peru, and have participated in the work as missionaries themselves. Benjamin is studying chemical engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Joshua is currently exploring colleges and planning to start school in 2010, and Mary Beth is attending school in Huancayo, Peru.

Regarding their ministry in Peru, Mary Alice says, "If we have faith in Jesus Christ, He can and will use me, or any other person that trusts in Him, to do His will and complete His good works in this world." The Ivey family is excited to be a part of what God is doing in Peru and are praying for more people to join their ministry to the Peruvian people.