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Reaching Lima's Families (also known as La Campiña)

Reporting Period April – September 2011

Progress:- Since March numbers have been increasing. At present enrolment numbers are 61 mums and 88 children of 5 years or less, and 59 in nursery or school who are 6 to 10 years. An average of 55 mums and 130 children attend each time. During this period mothers generally seemed more short of money and apparently a number of the men were having more difficulty getting work – mainly older men since a lot of what they do is heavy manual work. The savings that mothers made also seemed to have reduced but just recently have picked up as they think about Christmas. Many mothers are separated or abandoned by their partners or/and have children by a former partner, three have seriously handicapped children, 2 have children of 4 years who do not speak, and several have abusive and/or alcoholic partners. One has a husband in prison. About six are legally married.



Jean teaching.

There has been an improvement in the quality of church life with a part-time pastor visiting some families. Others go to another church which seems more popular, is higher up the hill and easier for them to get to. Several have made professions of faith. Educational activities are always



Bill organising activities.



lunch

provided for the children as well as the mums.

During this period with the mums we have covered such things as nutrition, hygiene practices, teeth cleaning and child development and how to encourage it, along with regular Christian teaching. This is followed by a nutritional lunch for which they make a small payment.



Patty

Our committee of 5 Peruvians has continued to be a great help, plus **Patty** has continued doing an excellent job as a social worker. She has a separate meeting on Fridays



committee

when an average of 12 mums goes, some with their husband and most with some of their children. She also visits their homes to check out their true situations. Using our personal funds Patty has helped 21 families during this period with their health problems. We send all those who request medical help to Patty so she can assess the real need and advise. We meet up each month to pray, review and check receipts etc. We were paying her a small allowance, but she has now said she wants to do the work for the Lord and not be paid! (She also has a secular job). She has also involved a friend of hers who is a nurse too, to help when she is unable to do so.



Organising toilets

We have also helped 14 families improve the standard of their housing. We have helped construct 37 pit toilets, 24 within the project and 13 associated. Everyone paid a contribution, which varied according to circumstances.

We have helped one single mother with 4 children obtain a nursing profession after she had completed 2 years and was going to stop because she could not manage to continue paying. She is now qualified and working. We continue to receive the children as she is not at home much and they are clearly lacking in affection and parental guidance.



Two mums have joined a work project run by another missionary and are learning a skill. < **Victorina** proudly shows her handiwork.

Many families have serious problems. We help where we can. Loving mum **Olga**, has 4 fine children & a husband who was on the run from police. He has now left her. After her conversion two years ago she has done well.

Apart from normal expenses, schools ask for books, copies and all sorts of other things which add to the economic stresses.



Sonia, who became a Christian after being in the project and has a very sweet nature. She has 4 small children, one of whom has a growth and is under treatment. Sonia has had various operations and treatment for cancer but will probably not recover. Her husband has poor health, but works as much as he can.

Florisa is a single mum with 6 children, one aged 3 and the rest in school. Her children are very well brought up and have obviously received good parenting. Her former partner has another family but does help economically sometimes. She had to leave the area where they were renting a house due to threats from a gang who had killed the girlfriend of one of the older boys. They were all living in one room, caring for someone's house while they were not there. We helped her obtain a small wooden hut. At the time of writing Florisa is quite ill so cannot work. With Patty we are helping to sort that out and giving some financial help to the family from personal funds.



Bedroom being re-roofed



Isobel going home.

Isobel is another single mum, with 4 small children. All her relatives seem to be in similar difficult circumstances and they all appear to make bad decisions and not cope well with life. We try to encourage and guide, giving especial attention to her needy children.

There are many such stories, but thankfully a number are also living happily with their partners and children. Those who are or have become Christians definitely seem helped and happier as a result.