

# Multiple Group Project 2020

## Information Packet

**Location:** Lima, Peru

**Project Dates:** March 19-29, 2020

**Optional Excursion Dates:** March 29-31, 2020

**Project Participation Fee:** \$895.00

**Children 12 and under:** \$745

(Age determined on the start date of the project)

**Optional Excursion Fee:** \$575

*\*All amounts listed in document are in U.S. dollars.*

*International flights are not included in the participation fee*



## Maranatha in Peru

The Seventh-day Adventist message came into Peru in the early 1900s and continued to spread rapidly. By 2004, the Adventist Church in Peru was thriving and was one of the fastest growing Adventist memberships worldwide. However, they didn't have the church buildings to accommodate such growth. So in 2004, the church leadership requested Maranatha's assistance. Maranatha completed nearly 100 churches in Peru from 2004 until 2006.

In 2018, Maranatha received another request for 1,000 churches and school classrooms in Peru from the Adventist Church in South America. The structures that Maranatha built in the mid 2000s have resulted in further membership growth, leaving Peru in need of more space for worship and education. Maranatha agreed to help, and projects will have begun in December 2019.

## Project Overview

As the capital city of Peru, Lima contains more than 10 million inhabitants, and the number continues to grow. With the Andes Mountains to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west, the only other options are to expand to the north and the south. This year's Multiple Group Project (MGP) will be on the northern outskirts of the city.

We'll work with two existing congregations in need of new churches; their roughly constructed houses of worship are not

## Project Schedule

### Thursday, March 19

Arrive in Lima, Peru (see travel information for time frame)

### Friday, March 20

Orientation and first work day

### Saturday, March 21

Worship with the local congregations

### Sunday, March 22 - Friday, March 27

Work days: Construction, children's ministry, medical/dental outreach, kitchen, other community service activities

### Saturday, March 28

Special celebrations at both churches: Alborada and Mi Peru C

### Sunday, March 29

Evening departure from Lima excursion and evening departure for those returning home; Morning flight to Cusco for those joining the optional excursion.

## OPTIONAL EXCURSION

### Sunday, March 29

Fly from Lima to Cusco

### Monday, March 30

Visit Machu Picchu

### Tuesday, March 31

Afternoon and evening departures from Cusco

representative of the upgrades happening in their neighborhoods. Their existing buildings will be disassembled and a new, Maranatha church will be erected in its place. We plan to also assist in a variety of community service activities near the construction site. These will include children's ministry, a medical/dental outreach, and even painting the community playground area in a nearby park. Depending on how many Spanish-speaking volunteers we have, we'll also do some door-to-door visitation to pray with people in the neighborhood.

At one of the sites, in the neighborhood called "Alborada," we'll lay block for the walls of a new church. This congregation was a church plant from another Adventist church, located not far away. They just celebrated 14 years since starting the group. The members are enthusiastic, friendly, and faithful. They have been praying for this, and they are now praying for the volunteers who will come to help them build their new structure. They also made a special request for healthy, vegetarian cooking classes. This neighborhood has been through some remodeling, so the existing church building looks out of place. The streets are paved. A long metal arm at both ends of the street keeps out petty thieves who would do drive-by robberies. It's not a rich neighborhood, but there seems to be enough for thieves to want to steal. But there is no fear in the air; instead, we'll experience a spirit of warm hospitality.

The second church, located even farther on the outskirts of Lima, is in the neighborhood called MiPeru. Two Adventist churches already exist in this area. Our focus will be with the third church, called Mi Peru C. The existing church is bi-level because it sits on a steep hill on a dirt road. The sanctuary is long and narrow, with wood steps going down to a lower level with dirt floors and Sabbath School rooms and a fellowship area. This congregation consists primarily of a group of women and their young children. The youth no longer attend, and the members are hopeful that we can do something to draw them back to church. Unfortunately many parents have to work outside of the neighborhood most days and essentially leave their children to grow up on their own. The youth often get involved in substance abuse, which motivates them to steal in order to maintain their habit. We'll also do medical/dental outreach in this community, as well as children's ministry. We might do some other community service activities as well.

## About the Multiple Group Project

Maranatha's Multiple Group Project is designed for teams of 15 or fewer people—groups too small to undertake a typical project on their own. These individual groups may also lack some of the key leadership roles such as construction superintendent, cook, spiritual coordinator, team medic, medical/dental director, or children's ministry leader. Small teams join together for a large group experience, while still maintaining the intimacy and bonding of their own group. Individuals are also welcome to join, but preference is given to small groups.

## Project Purpose

Short-term mission trips have become a popular way for people to serve others, challenge themselves, grow spiritually, and see unique parts of the world. Most people have several reasons for participating.

Maranatha's mission statement gives the focus for this mission trip: *"Maranatha spreads the Gospel throughout the world by building people through the construction of urgently needed buildings."*

During this trip we will emphasize service opportunities that grow faith in God, expect and capitalize on challenges and bonding for each small group and the larger group, and provide quality work for God, for others, and for one's self.

Please take some time to reflect on the reason(s) why you and your group are going on this Maranatha mission trip. How do your purposes match with what you can expect for this project? What adjustments might you need to make? Take time to discuss this before you leave for Peru so you can set your expectations appropriately.

## Flexibility

“FLEXIBILITY” is the key word in all mission trips. We will create our plan, but we can guarantee that there will be plenty of surprises thrown our way. Our flexibility will be tested by things like jet lag, roommates, the weather, and last minute schedule changes. If we aren’t flexible, we’ll have plenty to feel miserable about, and we will lose out on multiple opportunities to serve others and improve ourselves.

By going on a Maranatha mission trip, you are putting yourself in a great environment for growth, but that means changes in your life. Flexibility enables you to grow without breaking.

## Accommodations

There are no hotels in the area large enough for our group. Instead of spending more than an hour in travel each morning and evening, we’ll stay at a relatively tranquil retreat center, called “El Capitan” (The Captain), located approximately halfway between our two construction sites. Our travel time will be about 30 minutes each direction.

The rooms are like dorm rooms with 2-7 single bunk beds per room. A bottom sheet, blanket, and pillow are provided for each bed. Those who desire a top sheet should bring their own. Additional blankets are available if desired. You’ll also need to provide your own towel and washcloth. Each room has its own bathroom with a shower that has some hot water. The season of the year in the Southern hemisphere will be Fall, and the temperatures are likely to be in the 60s at night and the 70s during the day.

We’ll have access to the large, group kitchen where we’ll provide three meals a day, including a sack lunch that you’ll pack in the morning to take with you to your work site. We’ll need people to assist in the kitchen during the day, either on a regular basis or rotating. There is a nice size dining area, plus a separate worship area for our group where we’ll meet each evening.

Volunteers should plan on staying in rooms with multiple roommates. If you would like to room with certain people in particular, please let us know prior to the final deadline of the project.

## Excursions

Maranatha projects usually include a short excursion as part of the Maranatha experience or an extended excursion as an optional add-on. If you choose to add any trips, in addition to those provided by Maranatha, please plan to do those either before or after the Maranatha project dates so you won’t miss out on any of the Maranatha experience.

Those choosing not to join the optional excursion to Machu Picchu will enjoy a day in Lima the final Sunday of the project. We’ll spend the day on the other side of Lima, primarily in an area called Miraflores. There, volunteers will have a chance to shop for souvenirs at some large Incan markets. These have 50-100 booths inside, each selling their collection of Incan wares from cheap items to very expensive ones, plus everything in-between. You’ll then have options for a stroll along the walkway above the beach or possibly even on the beach (it will be cool weather). There’s also the Larcomer shopping center with a food court and American-brand shopping for the upper middle class. Another nearby area is “old town.” And there is also the option to see some ruins. You’ll be given Peruvian money to purchase your meals. You’ll be taken to the airport in plenty of time to catch your flights back home.

## Optional Excursion - Machu Picchu - \$575

At the end of the project, volunteers can choose to extend their stay in Peru by joining an excursion to visit the world-famous Incan ruins of Machu Picchu, high in the Andes Mountains. This excursion has an additional fee of \$575. The fee will cover two nights at a nice hotel, food, ground transportation, insurance, and all entrance fees and tour guides during the excursion days. The excursion price is for double occupancy rooms.

On Sunday, volunteers will fly across the country to southern Peru. This flight is not included. Please see the Travel Information section for the specific flight you should book. Upon arrival in Cusco, the group may have

some time to shop while acclimating to the high elevation, just above 11,000 feet. That evening, the group will travel down the mountain to the Sacred Valley region, where they will spend the night.

The following day, the group will take a train to Aguas Calientes, which is located at the entrance to the ruins of Machu Picchu. Machu Picchu has been voted one of the “New” Seven Wonders of the World and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This Incan city was built in 1450 as an estate for the Incan emperor, and it was abandoned approximately 100 years later during the Spanish Conquest. It is truly a sight to behold as you come up over the hill and gaze into the ruins below. The mountain peak of Huayna Picchu stands above the city, and alpacas roam the grassy plateaus. Volunteers will explore the ruins, learning about Incan life, before returning to the hotel that evening.

On Tuesday, the group will travel back to the city of Cusco where they’ll have the morning to explore the old town and do some site-seeing before departing for home on Tuesday evening.

Anyone wanting to join the Machu Picchu excursion will need to register and fully pay for the excursion portion ASAP. Non-refundable train tickets must be purchased on February 1st using passport copies, so please include that with your registration. After February 1, \$250 of the excursion fee becomes non-refundable.

## Leadership

### **Steve Case | Project Coordinator and Spiritual Coordinator**

Steve is the president of Involve Youth, a youth ministry organization that energizes young people for service. This includes leading several Maranatha projects each year, including the annual Multiple Group Project. Steve lives near the Maranatha headquarters in Northern California with his wife, Marit.



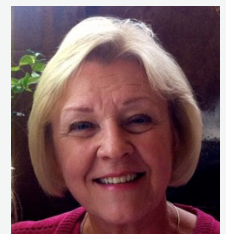
### **Luther Findley | Construction Superintendent**

Luther Findley has worked in different branches of construction for years. He and his wife, Darlene, live in Yreka, California. They enjoy volunteering on Maranatha projects in the United States and around the world. Luther is a person who often sees spiritual lessons in the process of construction. He’s learned to trust God, especially when it comes to quality construction with volunteers.



### **Maggie Petersen | Head Cook**

Ever since her retirement, Maggie has been cooking for all kinds of groups in all kinds of places, including Maranatha family projects, Maranatha’s Multiple Group Project, and other short-term mission trips. She’s amazing in demonstrating flexibility with any cooking environment she’s given, including equipment, staffing, and food availability. Don’t plan on losing weight with Maggie’s tasty cooking but expect familiar as well as local flavors and treats.



### **Mary Johnson | Children’s Ministry Coordinator**

Mary Johnson joins the group from Northern California where she works as a middle and high school Spanish teacher. She loves to live on the edge for God and has a strong belief that God continues to work miracles as long as you are open to the possibilities. Her optimism, faith, bilingual skills, and love for God and kids make her a natural for leading the children’s ministry program on this project.



## Expenses

***All amounts listed are in U.S. dollars.***

The total fee of \$895 covers housing for 10 nights at the El Capitan retreat center, three vegetarian meals a day, ground transportation to and from the airport and project site, translators, local excursions, short-term travel insurance, a Maranatha t-shirt, and luggage tags. The participation fee is tax-deductible. For those who choose to be part of the optional excursion to Cusco and Machu Picchu, the excursion fee of \$575 is not tax-deductible.



This fee can either be paid individually on a per person basis or together as a small group. If your group is paying all together, send a check to Maranatha along with a list of the participants whose fees are included. The group leader's fee will be discounted the original \$500 group deposit that was paid to secure and reserve your spots on the project.

Maranatha must receive all funds and forms by February 17, 2020, due to application processing time. Wait for confirmation of acceptance on the project before purchasing your airfare.

Payments can be made by cash or check sent to the Maranatha office in California (please include your name and "Multiple Group Project 2020 Peru") or by credit or debit card online or over the phone.

For Canadian tax-deductible receipts, payments must be made by check to the Maranatha Volunteers International (Canada) Association (address located at the end of this information packet). At this time, Maranatha cannot issue tax-deductible receipts for credit card payments.

If you are fundraising or receiving donations, please either have donations sent directly to you or work with your local church treasurer to collect funds and issue tax-deductible receipts, since it is difficult for Maranatha to track individual small checks.

### Estimate of Additional Costs

- **Flight to Lima, Peru:** \$800-\$1,800
- **Passport:** \$130 or \$110 for renewal
- **Domestic Flight (Optional Excursion):** \$100-200
- **Optional Excursion:** \$575

## About Peru

Peru is located in South America, along the western coast. Peru is the quintessential South American country—a land of magnificent lost cities and a rich cultural heritage. Its history and natural beauty make it a popular destination for travelers.

From the 13th century until the Spanish conquest in the 16th century, the Incan Empire ruled much of the Andean region with a population in the tens of millions. In the mid 1500s, Spanish conquistadors defeated the Incan Empire and forced many of the indigenous people into slavery. In 1821, José de San Martín occupied Lima and declared Peruvian independence. After decades of military rule and a civil war, Peru returned to democratic leadership in 1980. Today Peru is the 48th largest economy in the world. However, this economic boom has not benefited every Peruvian, and there are still impoverished communities in more rural areas of the country.

The Quechua and Aymara people, two cultural groups that descended from the Incas, have carefully preserved and developed their cultures. In much of Peru, specifically the Andean highlands, you will find women dressed in brightly colored pleated skirts, called polleras, shirts with intricate embroidery, and bowler hats. When Spain ruled over the region, much of the local culture was mixed with Spanish culture to create a unique blend of Hispanic and native traditions, which you can see in the country's artwork and dance. Today, many young people have moved from the rural areas to the urban centers on the coast. Once they arrive, they often adopt western clothing, music, and culture; much of the old way of life is left behind.



### Facts and Figures

**Capital:** Lima

**Population:** 31.3 million (July 2018)

**Language:** Spanish, Quechua, Aymara

**Climate:** Varies by region and altitude. Dry in the west, tropical in the east, temperate to frigid in the Andes

**Religion:** Catholic 60%, Protestant 15%, Unspecified 21%

**Currency:** Peruvian Sol

Peru is a country of astounding natural diversity. The country has three distinct regions: the Amazon Basin to the northeast, the mountainous highlands down the center of the country, and the western coastline characterized by a narrow band of deserts and fertile valleys where the rivers meet the ocean. In each of these regions the landscape and climate vary drastically.

## Travel Information

Volunteers will purchase their own plane tickets to the city of Lima, Peru. If you arrive or depart outside the posted time frames, you may have a long wait at the airport until the next group arrives, or you may be responsible for paying the additional transportation costs for your individual airport transfer.

Please complete the online registration and wait for confirmation from Maranatha before purchasing your airfare to ensure there is still space on the project. Volunteers will travel together, by bus, to the project location.

### Flights

Those joining the optional excursion will require booking a specific domestic flight and a departure from a different city. Please be careful to follow these guidelines when booking your travel. If you have questions about your itinerary, please contact Maranatha prior to booking to avoid any change fees resulting from having booked a wrong itinerary.

**Arrival |** Please arrive in Lima, Peru (airport code LIM), on Thursday, March 19. Flights should arrive in Lima between 5:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. or between 7:00 p.m. (on the 19th) and 1:45 a.m. (on the 20th).

**Departure (Project Only) |** Please depart from Lima, Peru (LIM), in the evening of Sunday, March 29, between 6:00 p.m. (on the 29th) and 2:00 a.m. (on the 30th). There is no hotel planned for the night of the 29th.

**Departure (Optional Excursion) |** Please book the following flights:

1. Book LATAM Airlines 2049 departing from Lima (LIM) at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 29, and arriving in Cusco (CUZ) at 12:23 p.m.
2. Please depart for home from Cusco, Peru (CUZ) in the evening of Tuesday, March 31, between 12:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Maranatha recommends booking a flight leaving before 6:00 p.m. Later flights often get canceled if the weather is stormy.

### Arriving Early or Staying Late?

Peru has some beautiful travel destinations. Some of you may choose to arrive earlier than March 19 or stay beyond March 29 explore the country on your own. Since our volunteers bring so much to the shared experience of the project, we ask that volunteers be a part of the entire Maranatha project during the advertised dates. They should plan any additional travel before or after the Maranatha project dates to avoid any mid-project interruptions. Those choosing to add additional travel are responsible for making their own hotel and transportation arrangements for the time outside of the arrival and departure windows listed above. If you have any questions, feel free to call Maranatha at (916) 774-7700.

### Traveling With Minors

If you are traveling with a legal minor (under the age of 18 on the date you depart), both parents or legal guardians must travel with the minor. Otherwise, you must have two parental consent forms notarized. This provides government entities with evidence that both guardians have consented to their child leaving the country with the other guardian and Maranatha. One original must be mailed to Maranatha, and the other original must stay with you while you travel. If a parent is divorced, the missing parent still needs to sign the form unless the parent traveling with the minor has sole legal custody. In that case, a copy of the divorce paperwork, indicating sole custody, must be included. If a parent has died, a copy of the death certificate must be included.

You can download a PDF of the Parental Consent Form at <http://www.maranatha.org/resources>. This form will ask for two people as appointees of the minor. The first appointee will be the guardian traveling with the child. The other will be Stephen Case, Maranatha's project coordinator for the Multiple Group Project

## Travel Resources

**CI Azumano Travel:** 800-454-4099 or by email with Erle Dpenha or Azumano Team at [corporatetravel@ciazumano.com](mailto:corporatetravel@ciazumano.com)

**Butler Travel:** 503-879-5005 or by email with Nathanael at [nathan@butlertravel.com](mailto:nathan@butlertravel.com) or with Ellen at [ellen@butlertravel.com](mailto:ellen@butlertravel.com).

**Kayak:** [www.kayak.com](http://www.kayak.com)

When contacting the Azumano or Butler travel agencies, mention Maranatha to receive a discounted service charge.

## Entry Requirements

Below are the requirements for U.S. and Canadian citizens. If you hold a passport from another country, please consult the Peruvian embassy or consulate in your home country for entrance requirements.

**Passport** | All passports must be valid for at least six months from the dates of intended travel (September 29, 2020). If you do not have a passport, U.S. citizens can apply at any U.S. post office or online at <http://travel.state.gov>. Canadian citizens can apply online at [www.passport.gc.ca](http://www.passport.gc.ca). It can take up to two months to complete the entire process, so plan accordingly to give yourself enough time to receive your passport.

## Staying Healthy

Maranatha requires every volunteer to have a current **tetanus** vaccine (within the last 10 years). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also recommend vaccines for typhoid and hepatitis A. For certain destinations below 7,500 feet elevation, the CDC also recommends the yellow fever vaccine as well as a malaria preventative vaccine other than chloroquine. Lima and Cusco are not in these regions, so you should not need them for this specific project.

You may already have some of these vaccinations, and they may still be good for this trip. Others you may deem unnecessary for this trip. Maranatha recommends that you schedule a consultation with your physician or a travel clinic to discuss the medical risks in Peru and the ways to minimize them.

## Altitude Sickness

Many parts of southeastern Peru are located in the Andes mountain range at very high elevations. Cusco is located at more than 11,000 feet. This high elevation puts visitors at risk for altitude sickness. Altitude sickness is a medical condition with symptoms ranging from a mild headache, dizziness, shortness of breath, and nausea to very serious cerebral or pulmonary edema. Rapid onset of symptoms, worsening symptoms, or symptoms persisting more than 48 hours could require evacuation to a lower elevation. Altitude sickness can occur when ascending too fast and not allowing time to acclimatize to the elevation. Also, those with preexisting conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma, or cardiac or lung disease should receive special clearance from their doctor or avoid traveling to high elevations during the project.

Those joining the optional excursion to Machu Picchu will be in this high-altitude region. Due to the potential risks, each participant on Maranatha projects in Peru is required to sign a consent form as part of their registration process.

## Giving Opportunity

It takes a lot of money to participate in a short-term mission trip. Some have that money available or saved, and others are able to raise those funds. Often there are miracle stories before you ever leave your country for the mission trip.

Peru is a developed country, so don't expect stark poverty wherever you look. But just as you would find it in North America, there are plenty of needs that will show themselves during the project, such as a new sound system for the new church or help in funding outreach to the community or money for tile to put on the new cement floor. It's usually easier to take cash to Peru rather than taking items such as soccer balls or colored

pencils, etc. These can all be purchased in Peru, sometimes at cheaper prices than back home. Your particular group might have a special project to which they would like to contribute.

## How to Register

**To Register a Small Group:** To register your small group, the group leader will complete the online registration, and pay the group deposit of \$500. Once Maranatha confirms your group, you will be given a link to complete your individual registration.

**To Register as a Member of a Confirmed Small Group:** Your group leader will have an application link. You will register and select your group name under the drop-down link. Family members can register on the same form. Anyone living at a different address must use a separate form. The form will forward you to a payment page where you can make a deposit online, or you can make a payment over the phone or by check. The group leader will also need to complete the individual registration form.

**To Register as an Individual without a Small Group:** Please contact Maranatha for more information. While this project gives preference to small groups, there may be a few spaces for individual volunteers who will be confirmed on a first come, first serve basis. Maranatha can provide a registration link.

If for any reason you need to cancel your participation, Maranatha will do their best to refund your deposit up until one month before travel. After that point, \$150 is non-refundable and the remainder will depend on the reservations and the project arrangements already made.

Register online at [Maranatha.org](http://Maranatha.org) or over the phone.

## Contact Information

**Phone:** (916) 774-7700

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