



Maranatha Family Project Peru

Location: Pucallpa, Peru

Project Dates: June 20 - 30, 2024

Participation Fee: \$1,150

Children 12 and under: \$1,000

Required for confirmation: \$100 (Non-refundable Deposit)

Final Deadline: May 10, 2024

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

Flights are not included in the participation fee



MARANATHA IN PERU

Maranatha is a responsive organization that works with the Seventh-day Adventist Church; all efforts are by invitation from local leadership.

Between 2004 and 2006, Maranatha constructed nearly 100 church buildings in Peru to provide places of worship for the increasing number of congregations. As Seventh-day Adventist membership continued to grow in the country, Adventist Church leadership in Peru asked Maranatha to return in late 2019 to build more churches and schools. When the pandemic hit, Peru locked down for most of 2020 and 2021. In 2022 restrictions were lifted and a few volunteer projects happened in Peru, including the Summer Family Project in Arequipa. Later, social unrest led to Maranatha suspending projects in Peru again. Now the unrest has settled, and Maranatha has selected Pucallpa as the place for the June 20-30, 2024 Family Project. Peru has a great variety of ecological systems, from the Pacific Ocean coastline to the Andes Mountains. Peru also has desert and jungle regions, with the world's largest river—the Amazon, which starts in Peru and goes all the way through Brazil before emptying into the Atlantic Ocean. This upcoming project will be in the jungle city of Pucallpa, Peru.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

La Selva Nueva Era Church

Pucallpa is a port city on the Amazon with lots of trade. It also has a large university with a separate campus for training teachers in 13 different dialects among tribes in the Amazon Rainforest. University students became the start of this congregation in 2007. They are now adults with children of their own, but they continue to minister to university students who come for several years and then return to their villages. Some of the current students live with church members. Their wooden church building was falling apart, and they pulled it down when they heard Maranatha would build them a new structure. They are meeting in the head elder's house until our group arrives in June to construct a longer-lasting block church. The Adventist Review wrote about this church last February. You can read about it at this link:

<https://adventistreview.org/news/in-perus-jungle-mission-to-indigenous-people-gets-a-facelift/>

- **Construction:** Volunteers will lay block walls for the new La Selva Church. The lot flooded in the past because it's at the low point of a slope. Maranatha recently constructed a nine-foot retaining wall at the low end and filled the lot to bring it just above the level of the dirt road. It will be ready for us to lay block in June, and we'll worship at the new church on Sabbath.
- **Outreach:** The group will reach out through after-school children's ministry programming (since this is during their school year in the southern hemisphere). We'll also engage with students at a nearby elementary school during the mornings. Our medical/dental outreach will also spend the first half of the project working out of a university campus near the church.

Villa Jesus Sabbath School Building

This church began in 2011, following an evangelistic series at a nearby Adventist Church. This new congregation met in a house for several years and purchased land for a new church building. But when the pandemic hit, the congregation could no longer meet to worship, and it seemed like the church dissolved. But now that the pandemic has ended, the church re-opened in 2021. Excitement has grown, and 50-60 people are now attending.

- **Construction:** Another Maranatha group will construct the church walls in March, and Family Project volunteers will construct a Sabbath School room as a separate building on the large lot. It's possible our group might also paint the newly constructed church, if the plaster is completed by the time we get there. If not, our painting crew will paint another Adventist Church in Pucallpa.
- **Outreach:** We have the option of carrying out a second VBS-type afternoon program in this neighborhood, as well as a morning program with another public school on certain days. We can also engage with the local Adventist school on a few days as well.

Mission Office Boundary Fence/Wall

The mission office in Pucallpa covers a large amount of land. Behind the office lies a Maranatha-constructed school, an Adventist Church, and the shop where Maranatha makes the steel pieces for current church construction in the Amazon region.

- **Construction:** Because this piece of land is so large, it isn't fully fenced with a wall yet—only in parts. Some people come and live on the property as squatters, even though the land doesn't belong to them. The conference is willing to provide the bricks and mortar but needs help extending the existing wall to enclose more of the property. We'll add to the length of the wall, but won't complete the full 570 meters.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 20
Arrival in Pucallpa. You might plan to arrive in Lima on June 19.

Friday, June 21
Orientation and first Work Day.

Sabbath, June 22
Worship with the local congregations.

Sunday, June 23 - Friday, June 28
Work days with mid-week excursion.

Sabbath, June 29
Worship with the local congregations. Group baptism Sabbath afternoon in the Amazon River.

Sunday, June 30
Departure from Pucallpa.

Children's Activities

Maranatha's Family Projects are designed to be family-friendly and accommodate volunteers of any age. One unique feature of a Family Project is a "Day Camp" for children ages 12 and under. Children under five must have a parent with them at all times. Parents with kids ages 5-12 have three options and can vary their decision, day by day.

1. Drop your child off at the day camp for the day while you join other areas of the project.
2. Have your child join the day camp and you stay with them and help with the day camp activities that day.
3. Keep your child with you throughout the day.

The Day Camp activities will include a variety of components, different for each day.

- **Construction** | We'll plan appropriate tasks so children can help with the construction.
- **Outreach** | Children are probably the best people to reach out to others, when it comes to children's ministry programs and other service activities.
- **Play** | We'll schedule time for kids to let loose and have fun, because playtime is an important part of being a kid. If your child doesn't know how to swim, we highly recommend bringing a life jacket or pool floaties for use at the pool at the hotel or other swimming venues.
- **Cultural Experiences** | We'll introduce kids to some of the cultural opportunities in the Pucallpa area. While this isn't a tourist destination, we have several unique options for kids of all ages.



Accommodations

For the family project, we usually aim for a 2-3-star hotel. This keeps costs down, while providing clean rooms and showers with hot and cold water. We have chosen the Tahauri Hotel because of its space to accommodate our group, the use of their kitchen, space for eating, and a separate room for meeting. The hotel rooms are older, with thin walls. But there is air conditioning and a bathroom with hot showers available in each room. The pillows are a bit lumpy, so you might want to bring your own. There are two swimming pools and a play area. While the hotel seems a bit dated, it is clean and seems to match the needs of our mission trip experience. It is also relatively close to our various work sites.

Families will be roomed together. Individuals should plan on staying in double, triple, or quadruple occupancy rooms, with at least one or two roommates. If you would like to room with someone in particular, please let us know prior to the final deadline of the project. Large families can have additional mattresses added to the floor space. Please contact Maranatha to make these arrangements prior to the final deadline. At this time, single occupancy rooms are not available.

Amenities

Room Style	Beds that are single, double, or queen. Some rooms can have mattresses added on the floor for larger family groups
Private Bathroom	Yes
Hot Water	Yes
Bed Linens	Yes
Towels	Yes, but not washcloths
Air Conditioning	Yes
WiFi	Yes, but it's quite weak
Laundry	We will collect laundry once or twice during the project for a local laundromat to clean. We'll pass that cost on to those who choose to use it. The service usually takes 24 hours.
Pool and Play Space	Yes – a pool and several play areas
Distance to Work Locations	10-15 minutes to La Selva Church 10-15 minutes to Villa Jesus Church 5 minutes to the Mission Office

Excursions

This project includes a short, one-day excursion during the week. If you choose to add any other excursions without Maranatha, please schedule them for before or after the project dates, so you won't miss out on any of the Maranatha experience. Pucallpa serves as a port city on the Amazon, with merchants exchanging jungle or non-jungle goods. Pucallpa is not a tourist destination, so tourism options are limited. The most unique elements will be our location near the tropical jungle and people from Amazon tribes, who have relocated to the city of Pucallpa. The churches we build will be in the area of Pucallpa where these "immigrants to the city" reside.

Sabbath Afternoon, June 22

Our group will attend and participate in local Sabbath School and Church activities. After lunch, we'll go to the Pucallpa Zoo where there are a variety of birds and some smaller jungle animals. Zoos are often difficult to maintain, especially in tropical jungle climates, and such is the case with the Pucallpa Zoo. It will give us a chance to see some birds and animals we might not have ever seen previously, stretch our legs, and rest some as we overcome jet lag.

TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE

7:00 a.m.	Breakfast
7:30 a.m.	Group worship
8:00 a.m.	Depart for work sites
12:00 Noon	Lunch at your site
5:00 p.m.	Arrive at the hotel from work
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m.	Group worship
8:30 p.m.	Free time; early bedtime
10:00 p.m.	Lights out

The key word for mission trips is FLEXIBILITY. The above schedule is our plan, but it may be adjusted due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.



Sabbath Evening, June 22

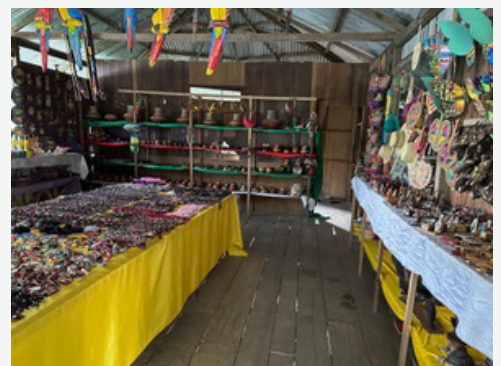
Following our evening supper and group worship, we'll get a taste of the local city of Pucallpa by taking a taxi ride to the downtown square, called the "Plaza de Armas," where we'll receive 10 soles/ person to purchase ice cream or other treats at the snack shops on the edge of the plaza. The common taxi is a three-wheel "moto-taxi," which can carry two or three passengers, depending on the size of those traveling.

Monday or Wednesday, June 24 or 26

Along this part of the Amazon River, June 24 is the Festival of San Juan (John the Baptist). Once the city posts the activities scheduled, we will make a decision about whether or not we participate in some of those during the day. We won't join the evening partying and concerts by the river, but the daytime activities sometimes include parades with people dressed in their native clothes—something uncommon most days. There might be games we can join, or we can simply be observers of the annual cultural festival. If the posted activities aren't a good match for our group, we'll take another weekday for a break from work to go visit one or two villages along the river. This will give us an idea of how tribal groups lived in the past, and it will give those interested an opportunity to buy some souvenirs. Remember, Pucallpa is not a tourist destination, so the tourist experiences are limited here.

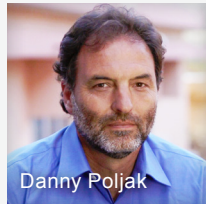
Tourist Options Before or After the Family Project

The country of Peru has a wide diversity of ecosystems. The Pacific Ocean coast varies in temperature and climate, and the Andes Mountains tower high with snow-capped tops and multiple volcanoes. Peru has desert areas and tropical forests near the headwaters of the Amazon River. This river is considered the longest in the world, after more precise measurements of the past 25 years showed the Amazon to be slightly longer than the Nile. Popular tourist destinations in Peru include Cusco, the Sacred Valley's Machu Picchu, Lake Titicaca (the highest navigable lake in the world), and the tropical jungle city of Iquitos—to name just a few. And then there's the capital city of Lima on the Pacific coast. Maranatha Family Project participants might want to add one or more of these destinations to their trip before or after Family Project. Feel free to contact the Maranatha office for suggestions.





Steve Case



Danny Poljak



Luther Findley



Jim VanHouten



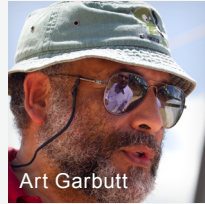
Lynn Grimstad



Lyn Tenerife



Paul Kramer



Art Garbutt



Mary Johnson



Jaime and Jenny Heras



Audra Grellmann



Cinthya Misto

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Accommodations
- Vegetarian meals
- Ground transportation
- Short-Term insurance
- Portion of outreach activities
- T-shirt and luggage tags
- Local excursion activities, guides, entrances, etc.

ESTIMATE OF ADDITIONAL COSTS

- Flight to Lima and then Pucallpa, Peru \$900-1,500
- Overnight lodging in Lima, Peru depending on your travel plans \$100 - \$150
- Current Passport \$130 or \$110 for renewal if you don't have a current passport

Leadership

Steve Case	Project Coordinator and Pastor
Danny Poljak	Construction Superintendent La Selva Church
Luther Findley	Construction Superintendent Villa Jesus SS Room
Jim Van Houten	Painting superintendent for painting the church
Lynn Grimstad	Construction Superintendent for the brick wall
Lyn Tenerife	Head Cook
Paul Kramer	Medical Team Outreach Leader
Art Garbutt	Dental Team Outreach Leader
Mary Johnson	Children's Ministry Coordinator and Leader
Jaime & Jenny Heras	Children's Ministry Leaders
Audra Grellmann	Day Camp Leader
Elmer Barbosa	Maranatha Country Director
Cinthya Misto	Maranatha Volunteer Support

Expenses

Participation Fee: \$1,150
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Payments can be made in three ways:

- Check sent to the Maranatha office in California (include a note with your name and "Family Project Peru June 2024")
- Online using the project payment link in your confirmation email*
- Over the phone at (916) 774-7700*

**Canadian tax-deductible payments must be made by check to the Maranatha Volunteers International (Canada) Association (address located at the end of this information packet) or by credit card over the phone in order to receive a receipt. At this time, Maranatha cannot issue Canadian tax-deductible receipts for credit card payments done online.*

If you are fundraising or receiving donations, please have them sent directly to you, or work with your local church treasurer to collect funds at the church and issue tax-deductible receipts. Do not have donors send individual small checks directly to Maranatha. If you have questions regarding this process, please contact Maranatha.

ABOUT PERU

- Peru is located on the western coast of South America.
- The country has three distinct regions: the coastal desert, the Andes Mountain highlands, and the tropical Amazon basin. More than 80% of the identified ecosystems of the world can be found in Peru.
- The Inca Empire ruled the region until the 1500s when Spanish Conquistadors invaded.
- Pucallpa is more than 1,600 miles from the mouth of the Amazon, but the elevation is only 505 feet. This means, by the time the water from the Andes gets to Pucallpa, it isn't dropping much and isn't moving very fast at all. This "tributary" of the Amazon is called the Ucayali River.
- In Peru, soccer (fútbol) is the favorite sport, with volleyball as the second-favorite.
- Pucallpa's university is called Universidad Nacional De Ucayali. It has a separate campus for training teachers in 13 local dialects to return to remote villages as teachers. Our work projects are near the campus for training teachers in these 13 dialects.
- The Seventh-day Adventist message came to Peru in the early 1900s, and to Pucallpa in the 1960s.

Foreign Cash

Peru uses the "sol" (plural "soles) and has an exchange rate of approximately 3.7 soles to \$1 USD (December 2023). The best exchange rates are found in small money exchange booths in the city. Exchanging money at the airport or at a bank has a lower exchange rate, but some charge a commission fee. The project coordinator will exchange money at the even number of 70 soles/20 dollars in increments of \$20. Any cash you bring should be in new, unmarked, and untorn bills, or the exchange rate will be worse or not granted.

While some establishments accept credit and debit cards, most small shops only accept cash. It is wise to let your credit card company know the dates you will be traveling, so they don't block your card when you use it in a foreign country.

Tipping

Your project coordinator will take care of paying guide tips on group excursions. If you feel like someone (excursion or service staff, etc.) has provided excellent service during your trip, you are more than welcome to show your gratitude with additional tips. If you have any questions during the project about whether or not tipping would be appropriate, your project coordinator or Maranatha in-country support staff can help you understand the local culture.



FACTS AND FIGURES

Capital: Lima

Population: 33.72 Million for Peru; 326,000 for Pucallpa

Language: Spanish, with dialects among the tribal groups along the Amazon

Climate: Tropical jungle—hot and humid—in Pucallpa

Religion: Catholic 76%, Protestant 14%, Other Christians 4%, None 5%

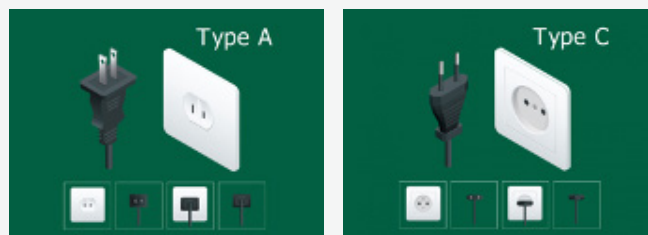
Currency: Peruvian Sol



Electricity

- Current: 220-240 volt AC
- Outlet: Type A and Type C

Most North American electrical outlets are 110-volt. To use electrical items you should plan on having an electrical transformer, so the higher electrical current in Peru doesn't burn out your electrical item. Check to see if your cell phone and/or computer can handle 220-volt current or if you will need a transformer to recharge them.



Weather

Weather patterns can change suddenly, so Maranatha recommends that volunteers check the 10-day forecast for the project area before traveling. You can expect it to be hot and humid in this tropical jungle area.

Pucallpa | The average high temperatures in June are the high 80s and low 90s (Fahrenheit), with rain on some days. The humidity gets as high as 90%. The low temperatures can drop to the 70s (Fahrenheit).

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please complete the online registration and wait for confirmation from Maranatha before purchasing your airfare.

If this is your first time traveling abroad (or you need a refresher course), you may want to check out Maranatha's [International Traveler Guide](#) (available at maranatha.org under Volunteer Resources), which shares tips on everything, from booking travel to communicating with those at home.

Flights

Please be careful to follow these guidelines when booking your travel. If you arrive or depart outside of these posted windows, you may have long wait times at the airport or be responsible for paying the additional transportation costs for your individual airport transfer. If you have questions about your itinerary, please contact Maranatha prior to booking to avoid any additional charges.

Project Only

Arrive: Pucallpa, Peru (PCL) Thursday, June 20. Most itineraries will take you through Lima, Peru (LIM), and most of those flights from North America arrive in the middle of the night. You may choose to arrive late Wednesday night (June 19) and get a room at the hotel (Wyndham Costa del Sol) across the street from the Lima airport, and take a flight the next day to Pucallpa (PCL).

Depart: Pucallpa, Peru (PCL) Sunday, June 30

Arriving Early or Staying Late?

Some of you may choose to extend your travel before or after the project. Since our volunteers bring so much to the shared experience of the project, we ask that you participate in the entirety of the Maranatha project (during the advertised dates). Any additional travel outside of the Maranatha project should be scheduled for BEFORE or AFTER the project dates to avoid mid-project interruptions. If you choose to add additional travel, you are responsible for making your 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.

Travel Resources

- **CI Azumano Travel:** 800-454-4099 or by email with Erle Dpenha or Azumano Team at corporatetravel@ciazumano.com.
- **Butler Travel:** 503-879-5005 or by email info@butlertravel.com.

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 (which means valid until at least December 31, 2024). 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. It can take up to two months to complete the entire process, so plan accordingly to give yourself enough time to receive your passport.

Immigration in Peru | No tourist visa needs to be filled out before arriving in Peru, and long as you are a U.S. or Canadian citizen. You will need to show your passport and boarding pass from your flight to Peru after you wait (usually a long time if you arrive with many other international arrivals from about 11:00 PM until 1:00 AM) in the line at immigration. If your passport is from another country, check with the Peruvian embassy or consulate.

COVID-19 Requirements | Currently there are no COVID-19 requirements for travel in Peru.

Traveling With Minors

Birth Certificate | Countries continue to make efforts to prevent child-trafficking, so some hotels and airports require proof of parent-child relationships, even if your child is a teenager. Maranatha recommends guardians bring a copy of their child's birth certificate and any other documents (guardianship papers, etc.) to answer these questions.

Parental Consent Form | If a legal minor (under the age of 18 on the date you depart) is traveling without both parents or legal guardians, Maranatha requires a parental consent form. This form confirms that both guardians have consented to their child leaving the country with an appointed person and Maranatha. It also gives Maranatha permission to treat the child medically in case of an emergency.

You can find this form online at www.maranatha.org/volunteer-opportunities/resources. Mail one notarized original to Maranatha and keep another notarized original with you as you travel. The form will ask for two appointees. The first will be the guardian traveling with the minor. The other will be Steve Case, Maranatha's project coordinator for this project.

Special Circumstances

Divorced Parents: Both parents must still sign the form. If one parent has sole legal and physical custody, provide a copy of the divorce decree stating as such.

Deceased Parent: Provide a copy of the death certificate.

Legal Guardians: Provide a copy of guardianship paperwork.

Other Situations: Contact Maranatha for guidance.

Luggage Considerations

Please check with your airline or travel agent for luggage weight and piece allowances for each portion of your itinerary. Domestic flights often have tighter restrictions. In addition to your checked bags, airlines usually allow one carry-on item, as well as a personal item, like a purse or small day pack. However, each airline is different, so read through your airline's baggage policy before you head to the airport.

Sometimes bags are delayed, so please bring your personal medications and a day's worth of clothes and toiletries in your carry-on luggage, just in case. We recommend that you keep your carry-on luggage with you; do not "gate-check" your bags, especially if the bags have electronics or camera gear.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Travel Safety

Understanding the culture and educating yourself about travel in Peru is the best way to keep safe. Below are a few tips for you to consider.

- Leave valuables (expensive or sentimental) at home.
- Dress conservatively; a flashy wardrobe attracts more attention.
- Use a money belt or concealed pouch for passports and cash. Watch your wallet.
- Don't leave valuables unattended in open sight.
- Avoid marginal areas of cities, dark alleys, and crowds. Use caution and keep moving if strangers, including vendors, approach you on the street.
- Don't travel alone or at night.

Worksite Safety

Maranatha has a very high safety record on the worksite. The safety equipment you'll need will depend on the project scope and what job you do (see packing list). Hard hats and closed-toe shoes are required on all job sites. Sunglasses or safety glasses are usually necessary for eye safety. And work gloves save hands that aren't accustomed to coarse contact with blocks, shovels, rebar, cement, and wheelbarrows throughout the day.

Short Term Travel Insurance

All volunteers will be covered by a short-term insurance policy, from the time they leave their home country until the time they arrive back in their home country. The policy does not have a deductible and covers accidents and illnesses. As with all insurances, some exclusions apply. Maranatha does not carry or maintain health, medical, workers compensation, or disability insurance coverage. The coverage amounts and details can be found at www.maranatha.org/insurance.

For volunteers extending their travel before or after a project, the insurance will start and end with the Maranatha project dates. If you would like to extend your coverage for extra travel at your own expense, contact Maranatha.

You will receive a brochure, prior to your project, listing the policy number and contact information for assistance or emergencies during your travel.

VACCINES

Tetanus

Required by Maranatha

COVID-19

Recommended by CDC*

Typhoid

Recommended by CDC

Hepatitis A

Recommended by CDC

Anti-malarial Medication -

Recommended by CDC*

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

CONSTRUCTION SITE SAFETY RULES



- Hard Hats Required
- Closed-toe Shoes Required
- Personal Safety Items
 - Eye Protection
 - Ear Protection
 - Masks
 - Gloves
 - Long Pants
- Use care with ladders and scaffolding
- Stay Hydrated
- No Horseplay

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Medical Recommendations

While Maranatha does everything in our power to ensure the safety of our volunteers, it is also advisable to do your own research when it comes to the medical precautions. We recommend 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. If at any time during the project you start to feel sick, speak with the project medical professional and the project leader as soon as possible.

Malaria

While there could easily be mosquitoes in Pucallpa in June, malaria is practically non-existent there. You would have to go farther down the river to Iquitos to be where malaria becomes a concern. Of course, you are free to take anti-malarial medications if you choose. Personal precautions are strongly recommended to lower the risk of being bitten by mosquitos or other insects/bugs, especially near the river. We recommend:

- Use a bug repellent with a 30-50% concentration of DEET.
- Wear long sleeves, long pants, and closed-toe shoes when possible.
- Avoid areas of standing water.
- Avoid spending a lot of time outside during dusk and dawn.

Food and Water

Food and water safety standards vary greatly from country to country, and we recommend that you exercise caution with the food and water you consume while abroad. Maranatha will provide purified water.

Eat only food provided by Maranatha.

- Purchase only commercially packaged snacks, not from street stands.
- Drink only purified water and sealed juices and sodas.
- Do not drink items with ice cubes.
- Do not brush your teeth with tap water; use purified water.

Allergies and Dietary Restrictions

Maranatha provides three vegetarian meals each day. We ask for your allergies on your registration form and will do our best to accommodate your needs. However, on large projects especially, it is harder for our cooks to accommodate special requests. If your diet is very restrictive (vegan, gluten-free, etc.) we recommend that you bring items like soy milk powder, gluten-free bread, etc. to supplement the meals provided by the cooks. Most daily lunches will include sandwiches.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Cultural Sensitivity

It's important to enter another culture with respect and understanding of their traditions. Cultural sensitivity also means we will respect Adventist culture in Peru. Adventists in Peru tend to be more conservative than Adventists in the United States and Canada. During the project, we will be sensitive to this by dressing as modestly as possible. Pants and cap sleeves are preferred to shorts and tank tops. For church activities, women will need to have skirts that reach past the knees, and men are expected to wear ties if they are involved in the activities on the platform. Please be respectful as we observe their customs and visit their homes. Feel free to ask questions and rely on leaders to know what is appropriate or not. Out of respect we ask that you ask people for permission before taking photos or videos of them.

Maranatha Lifestyle

Each mission trip is a unique experience, and during the project, there is a great need for flexibility. Volunteers on Maranatha projects come from a variety of backgrounds and lifestyles. As we all become one big family for two weeks, we will need to refrain from some of our personal desires and freedoms and adopt the lifestyle of the group. If you have been on a Maranatha project previously, you can expect this one will be different because each Maranatha project is unique. Even people you've known on previous Maranatha projects have likely

changed some since their last project, and so have you. Hopefully we'll continue to change in positive ways through this Maranatha project too.

On all of our projects, we ask that volunteers refrain from using alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, or other non-prescription drugs during the trip.

Maranatha projects are open to individuals of all faith backgrounds, and we ask that all volunteers come into the project with an attitude of respect toward one another. During this trip we emphasize service opportunities that grow faith in God. On Maranatha projects, worship services are held on Sabbath (Saturday), and we ask all volunteers to participate in the experience with the group. While we do our best to make provisions to avoid extensive travel or utilizing restaurants on Sabbath, sometimes it is hard to avoid. Please be aware of this. If you have any questions, please speak with your project coordinator.

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Complete online registration form
2. Check email for confirmation of acceptance
3. Make payment(s)*
4. Book flights
5. Send itinerary and passport copy to Maranatha

*If for any reason you need to cancel your participation, payments are refundable up until one month prior to the project (unless noted otherwise). Cancellations within 30 days of the project are subject to a \$150 per-person fee, and the remainder will be refunded depending on the project arrangements already made on your behalf.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: (916) 774-7700

Fax: (916) 774-7701

Email: volunteer@maranatha.org

Website: www.maranatha.org

Mailing Address:

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990 Reserve Drive
Suite 100
Roseville, CA 95678

Canadian Payments Only:

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Association
c/o V06494C
PO Box 6494, Station Terminal
Vancouver, BC V6B 6R3

PACKING LIST

A checklist of recommended items to take with you on a Maranatha project.

Work Wardrobe

- Long work pants (2-4 pairs)
- T-shirts and/or long-sleeved cotton shirts for work (5-7)
- Strong, flexible construction gloves (REQUIRED)
- Hard hat (REQUIRED)
- Handkerchief or bandana for neck protection
- Sunglasses or safety glasses
- Sturdy work shoes

Tool List

The more tools the group brings, the more likely it is that everyone can keep involved in the construction process.

- Block trowel (10-12") pie-shaped
- Box level (2-3') – one per family
- Measuring tape (25')
- Masonry line and line blocks - optional
- Rubber dish gloves - optional
- Block hammer - optional
- Marking pencils
- Pliers (for tying rebar)
- Painting supplies—brush, roller, roller pan

Items to Remember

- Maranatha t-shirt sent to you to wear on your arrival to Peru
- Passport
- Photocopies of your passport in checked baggage or on your device
- Copy of your airline ticket or itinerary
- Printed Peru e-Ticket QR code
- Consent Form for Minors (for those under 18)
- Copy of final packet with project addresses
- Face mask(s) or covering(s)
- Personal prescribed medication (in carry-on) as well as items like Tylenol, Band-Aids, Pepto Bismol etc.
- Shoes and socks
- Underclothes
- Casual shirts and pants
- MEN- Dress shirt and tie for Sabbath
- WOMEN- Dresses and/or skirt and blouse with sleeves for Sabbath
- MEN – 1 can of Big Franks (veggie hotdogs) for the kitchen
- WOMEN – 1 can of Fri-Chik (veggie chicken) for the kitchen
- MEN - 1 large jar of peanut butter
- WOMEN - 1 large jar of jelly
- MEN – 1 large jar of Tylenol or its generic form of “acetaminophen”

- WOMEN – 1 large jar of Advil or Motrin or its generic form of “ibuprofen”
- Hat for sun protection
- Sleepwear
- Shorts
- Light rain jacket
- Modest swimsuit
- Flip-flops or sandals
- Personal toiletries (soap, deodorant, etc.)
- Hand sanitizer
- Insect repellent (30% DEET or higher)
- Sunblock (SPF 30+)
- Lip balm (with sunblock)
- Bible
- Camera
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Washcloth
- Cash for meals in airports, souvenirs, or special projects that may come up

Optional Items

- Lightweight daypack or similar bag
- Neck pillow/eye mask for flight
- Journal and pens
- Powdered Gatorade or equivalent Nuun or Camelback electrolyte tablets (for dehydration)
- Earplugs
- Small alarm clock
- Snacks
- Toilet paper or tissues
- Battery-run personal fan
- Small instrument you play
- Pool flotation device
- Supplemental items for specific diets (gluten-free, vegan, etc)

Optional Outreach Items

- Reading glasses (5-10 of various strengths)
- Money for purchasing items locally (this helps the local economy)
- School supplies: pens, pencils, erasers, notebooks, backpacks
- Christian books and pamphlets
- Spanish Bibles and hymnals
- Group toys (jump ropes, soccer balls with pumps, etc.)
- Toothbrushes and toothpastes

Requested Outreach Items

- You will receive an updated packing list closer to the project, which may include any special outreach requests from the local church or school.

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