

Where there is no vision, the people perish. Proverbs 29:18

# Welcome to Comas - Peru

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a 'high rise' town in  
need of practical  
Christian love  
and encouragement -  
Siloam is providing just that!!

The hillsides of Comas. Just about an hour's drive from the capital, Lima, thousands of families exist in makeshift dwellings perched on the hillsides of a barren desert.



Above, our co-worker Zoraida would like Siloam to provide another 'House of Compassion' for the family currently living here.



The home of Sonia is easier to access up a long concrete stairway which disappears into the distance. Sonia shares her little home with 6 children and her husband who provides the little money needed to support the family.

This shows the need



This is Katy's house, if you can call it that, which I visited together with Annette Lange of Childcare Worldwide last April. The photo doesn't do justice to the rocky path that a goat would find challenging. Perched up here, the family survive in the only flat place they could find at the time. Katy and her family exist from day to day when they are fortunate to find casual labour work.



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Above, this is one of the two 'Houses of Compassion' Siloam provided for a family in 2014. Last year we only supplied funds for one additional house, much more needs to be done. A new home for a family in desperate need of secure accommodation costs around £1,800.00.

Below, delivering parcels of groceries in bags weighing between 10 and 15 Kilos is a rewarding although humbling experience. Many of these families just need that 'little extra' to help them survive and thrive.



Survival packs of groceries are distributed on a monthly basis according to the funds provided by Siloam UK and our partners Childcare Worldwide in USA.



Right, this is Norma who sadly lost an eye sometime back. Formerly Norma lived in Cusco the old Inca capital.

Her husband Roual works as a motorcycle taxi driver.

Norma has some part time work as a housekeeper and life is hard but that monthly bag of groceries makes all the difference.



Sponsoring a child in Peru like elsewhere can be very rewarding. By helping a child with their education a route out of poverty can be provided. It was my privilege to meet Alexander who has been given work experience at a local Volkswagen garage where he receives technical training which will earn him points that will in turn help him to secure regular employment in the future.

This vast slum area is now becoming recognisable as a town in its own right rather than just a distant suburb of Lima. A heavy mist caused by the mountain air coming into contact with the cold sea gives rise to many days with overcast conditions.

Right, the office sign in Comas from where our co-workers dispense practical Christian help to those in great need.



Below, this staircase doesn't lead to heaven but your help providing funds to help Juan carry bags of groceries to families in need, will provide a temporary respite from poverty and hunger.



Above, this is Juan who is a key co-worker providing the effort and the muscle to carry the bags of groceries (Survival packs) to the numerous families that we are helping.

How Siloam are helping



One of the best ways to help children out of poverty is to instil Christian character traits which will help them address the big challenges of life in a positive Christian way.

By trying to impart Christian character traits through our C.C.D programme, we believe we can change the nature of many children and their parents by promoting Christian virtues. I would like to make the UK programme available in the Spanish language but first go to our special website below and see what is available in English which we currently use in India, Uganda and Kenya: [www.christian-character-development.co.uk](http://www.christian-character-development.co.uk)





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## Dear Siloam caring friend

This month I want to share a ministry opportunity perhaps unknown to you in South America. We are currently working with desperate people living on the barren hillsides outside the capital Lima who are trying to cling on to life and simply survive. Siloam together with its partners Childcare Worldwide, is providing much needed support in this seemingly impossible situation. Siloam is a needs orientated ministry seeking to bring help to folk not just in Peru but worldwide by using social work, education and medical aid as an expression of God's love. We have been assisting our affiliate Childcare Worldwide and partnered in this outreach for the past 10 years. By raising funds in the UK for simple bags of groceries we call 'Survival packs', Siloam has provided a lifeline to hundreds of families with vulnerable children.

Perhaps Peru is a country you have not considered in need of Christian social work because England had little influence in this area of the world which was mostly dominated by the Spanish. Indeed, the country was conquered in 1532 when the Conquistadors arrived with a force of less than 200 men to take control of the former Inca Empire which had just undergone an internal Civil War.

One thing I have noticed about Peruvians is that they look sad. Perhaps this is because these oppressed souls have had little to make them smile over their recent turbulent history.

Please look at our brochure enclosed and just look at the poignant photos and ask yourself "Is this an area of the world where I could share the love of Jesus?"

As I travelled around visiting mothers with their families and venturing into their pathetic little homes that were little more than garden sheds, my heart went out to these dear folk who have largely been forgotten by the world as other more newsworthy stories which have every right to be presented to us, have grabbed our attention.

If you would like to know more, please request a copy of my visit report by simply ticking the appropriate square on our response form.

A gift of £17.00 can provide a Survival pack of groceries for a desperate family not just living on the edge of a cliff, but also clinging to the edge of life itself, needing to hear the life-changing and encouraging words of Jesus Christ.

Should you like to help Siloam provide a home for a desperate mother and her children, we can accumulate gifts to make up amounts of £1,800.00 so that the next



Above, the need! Thousands of families living on bleak hillsides on the outskirts of Lima, Peru.



Above, our local management team, voluntary Treasurer Mr Alzamores, the Director, Mrs Margot Alzamores and Miss Zoraida Alzamores who acts as translator.



Right, accompanying a sponsor on a visit to the hillside dwellings to visit his sponsored child. Could you sponsor a child in Peru?

Below, visiting one of the 'Houses of Compassion' that can be built for £1,800.00.5may



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'Houses of Compassion' can be constructed. These little houses are made of weather proofed plywood and are adequate for the dry climate. As there is hardly any rain, keeping out the damp, is not really a concern. The houses usually have 3 or 4 rooms and we provide simple furniture and cooking stoves as well.

This month I would also like to ask you to stand with us by perhaps considering the sponsorship of a vulnerable child so that their modest education can be provided for. When I was in Peru last April, I was privileged to meet a number of children who are sponsored, one of whom Alexander is currently undertaking technical training in a Volkswagen garage. Education is one sure route out of poverty, not just in Peru but elsewhere where Siloam is called to minister and share the love of God in a practical way.

To sponsor a child in Peru costs £30.00 per month and you will receive regular updates and photographs concerning 'your' child's progress. If you would like to help in this way, please drop me a line or an email and I will send you some further information.

Whatever you decide to share with Siloam this month will be deeply appreciated and will go a long way to helping those featured in our colourful brochure enclosed.

Gifts of £5.00, £10.00, £15.00, £50.00 or maybe as much as £100.00, will go towards addressing some of the modest and urgent needs of these dear people.

Thank you once again for your ongoing love and concern for others in need right now.

Yours sincerely on behalf of those we represent on the hillsides of Comas, Peru



Richard Norton  
Director-Siloam UK

**P.S.** Yes, you can help us two ways this month.

1. You could pray that our good Lord will empower us recruit more caring donors and child sponsors to support us in this ministry, in South America.
2. You may send your prayerful gift together with our response form indicating just how you would like us to designate your precious donation to help those whom the Lord has laid on your heart – thank you.

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**Roads that seem to lead nowhere  
into the mist where families live in  
need of love and support.**



**Right, an emergency bag of groceries we call 'Survival packs' delivered monthly to needy families.**



**Right, our mission is to make children smile and to bring hope where there is currently despair.**



**Below right, the greatest gift we can bestow is that of salvation through Jesus Christ. Please visit our special website [www.christian-character-development.co.uk](http://www.christian-character-development.co.uk) and recommend it to others that try to impart Christian character traits to children.**



**Bottom, sharing with a child and trying to imagine what it must be like to do homework in what is really a slum dwelling.**

