



# Siloam's Ministry of Giving (2 Corinthians 8:6)

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## Dear Siloam ministry investors

This month I am going to challenge you with the opportunity of becoming one of our future Life Centre Advocates so desperately needed now not just in Peru, which is the feature of this letter, but also in India, Uganda and Kenya.

### So, what is a Life Centre?

A Life Centre is a children's activity which takes place usually in church halls or churches themselves where children come together to learn about the Bible and where they can come to understand more about the Christian message and learn how they can receive the gift of eternal life.

### So who attends a Life group?

The children are recruited as part of the C.C.W child sponsorship programme which provides for family support and higher educational opportunities when the children require it for further study or sponsorship in a trade school. Usually 40 children come together under the supervision of qualified, vetted staff who also know and visit the children in their homes so they can understand their personal situations more clearly.

### Where are the children's Life Centres situated?

The Life Centres are situated near evangelical churches where pastors and other church co-workers can have a regular input to the individual lives of the children they are endeavouring to reach for Jesus Christ.

### When do the children attend Life Centres?

The children come along on a Saturday morning weekly or once a fortnight usually for around 3 hours and during this time they are fed with a nourishing meal, play games, take part in recreation, drama and learn Christian character traits from the C.C.D programme taught by the leaders.

### Why are Life Centres so important then?

Siloam and its partner's in this project: 018, Childcare Worldwide, believe that as most of these children have no knowledge of the Christian faith, we need to reach them before they are influenced in a negative way to prevent them from becoming addicted to drugs, alcohol and tobacco and leading lifestyles which can be physically harmful and spiritually dangerous. As these children have had little or no contact with a church because often they come from single parent families who have escaped poverty and internal unrest in other parts of Peru, they have had little or no opportunity to



The sign on our partner's office premises in Lima, Peru. In this endeavour, we are co-operating with Childcare Worldwide with whom we have had a long fruitful relationship.

Life Centres are run by paid co-ordinators and many volunteers who are currently vetted by the Social Services and equipped to share the gospel on a one-to-one basis and corporately with the children who participate in our programme.



Many of these children would be at a 'loose end' on Saturdays were it not for the C.C.W teams that minister to them and try to impart Christian knowledge and truth.





Providing a nourishing meal is part of the programme, here you can see bananas purchased in bulk, being transported to the various Life Centres around Comas, a distant suburb of Lima in Peru.



The children, usually in groups of around 40, enjoy this nutritious meal which builds them up physically which in turn helps them study well not just on a Saturday morning but generally.

hear the gospel or have anyone explain to them that God has an individual plan and purpose for each of their lives.

**So what do you want Life Centre Advocates to do?**

From the experience and success we have learned from our children's Bible camps, we know that we have to reach the hearts and minds of youngsters before their ideas and habits get firmed up usually before the age of 18. Advocates will provide the prayer support and the finances to fund these extra curricula activities which obviously cost money. We need funds to pay for overseeing staff, teaching materials, nourishing food and other incidental expenses. We would very much like an Advocate to invest £10 per month so we can adequately fund this activity which we are sure will bring great spiritual benefit to the children we are trying to reach with the gospel.

The programme is still being refined which is why we are inviting you now to invest with us so that you can be part of the rich harvest which we are sure will follow in the coming days.

In this leaflet I have featured about the Life Centres I have seen and experienced in Peru but other similar programmes will also be refined and developed in Kenya, India and Uganda as time goes on.

Just think of it, for just £10 a month you can have an opportunity of changing the destiny of a child's life which could help them to perhaps turn out to be a Christian lawyer, teacher, politician or social worker who will in turn convey the Christian message to others.

Thank you again for your kind attention. Your love does matter, your regular gift will certainly make a difference to a child's life in one of our Life Centres.

Yours sincerely on behalf of those we love and serve in the name of Christ

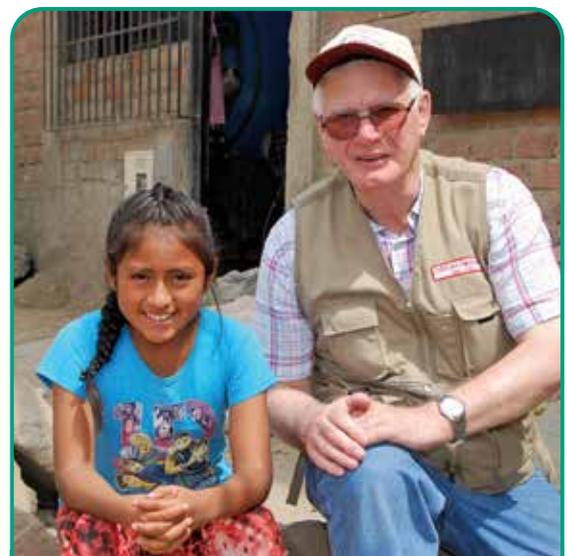
Richard Norton  
Director-Siloam UK



P.S. If you would like to invest in this programme regularly, then may I ask you to tick the  on our response form requesting a Bank Mandate Standing Order which will help us to fund project: 018 more efficiently and with less administrative costs.



Meals are usually prepared in C.C.W's central facility in Comas, then shared at the appropriate time during the morning's programme.



Children in the programme are registered in C.C.W's child sponsorship programme and during my last visit in April 2019, I was privileged to meet up with Ruth sponsored by a Christian couple in Northampton.

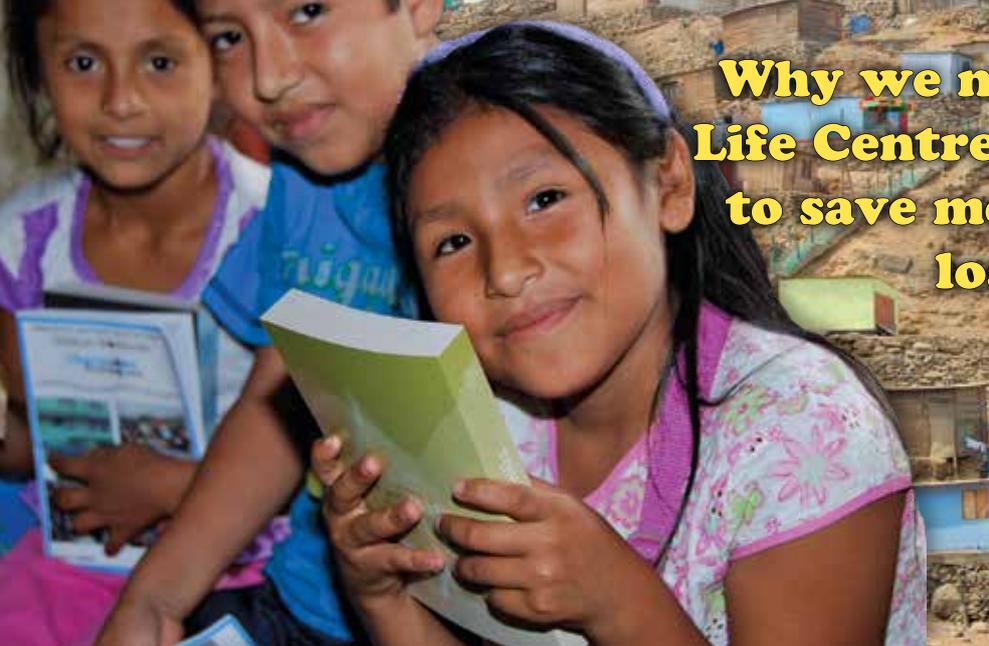
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# Why we need to recruit more Life Centre Advocates in Peru\* to save more children from a lost eternity!!



Providing the means to give a child Christian education extra to their regular school studies provides them with the means of knowing right from wrong and how, by surrendering their young lives to Christ, they can receive the gift of eternal life.

Just an hour's drive from Peru's capital Lima, you will discover the vast shanty town at Comas where people live in little shacks perched on a barren hillside on the edge of a vast desert. This is where thousands of children live and go to school and spend most of their time.



This growing shanty town has now become an established suburb of Lima where economic migrants have settled after decades of political unrest.



The churches are often extremely spartan and few in number but many evangelical churches are anxious to take part in a Life Centre's programme so they can grow their younger congregations.

\* Life Centres are also established in India, Kenya and Uganda.



The children are members of Childcare Worldwide's sponsorship programme which provides for family support and educational help for children in further education such as trade school.



One of the main features of the Life Centre programme is to provide a substantial breakfast such as this one here consisting of scrambled eggs and sliced spicy sausages.

Fruit is also given to the children to help build up their health and immune systems which in turn helps them to study well.



The venues for the Saturday morning Life Centres are in church halls or large buildings where children can be safely supervised and instructed with the Christian character building programme used by C.C.W and Siloam, worldwide.



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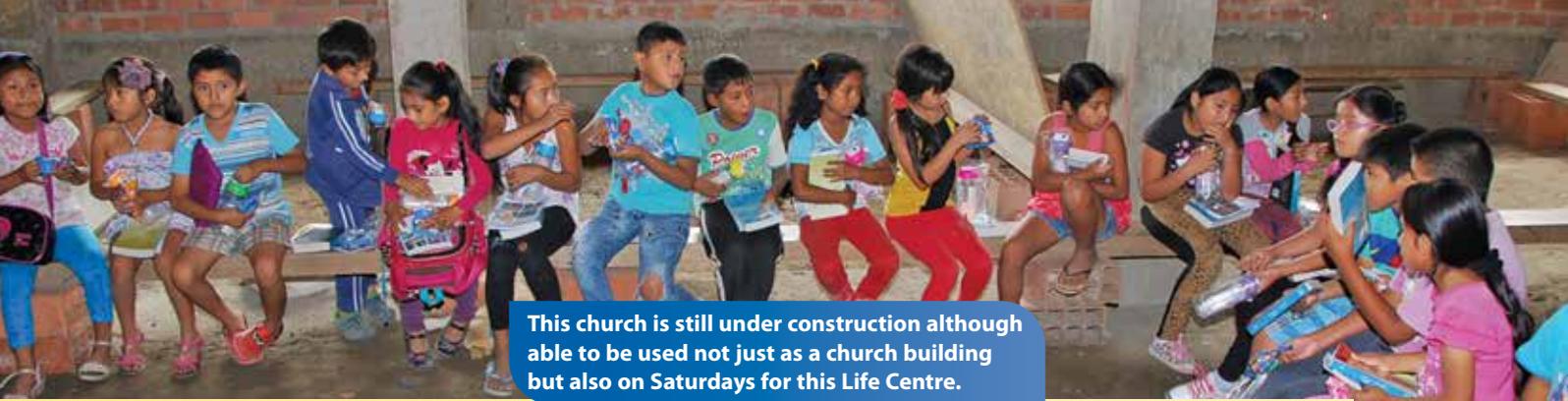
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This church is still under construction although able to be used not just as a church building but also on Saturdays for this Life Centre.

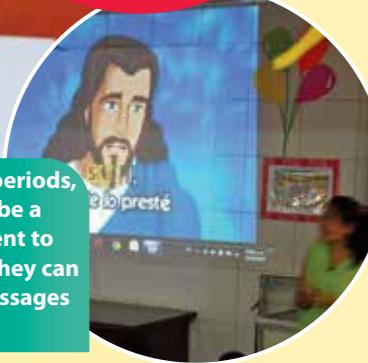
Life Centre activities take place at least twice a month on Saturdays. Each Life Centre caters for around 40 children.



Please consider how you could commit yourself to this calling to be an Advocate for our soul saving Life Centres not just in Peru but also in India, Uganda or Kenya.

Our co-workers are mostly volunteers although supervisors are modestly compensated financially which we believe is only right.

During recreation periods, Christian films can be a great encouragement to the youngsters as they can explain visually messages from the Bible.



The children are also counselled by qualified, vetted and caring helpers who try to understand the needs of the children most of whom come from single parent families.

Many of these children have never ventured beyond the shanty town where they live and go to school and where their parents try to find work, which is often very low paid.



Most of these children had never attended a Sunday school so this is a great opportunity to impart spiritual truth into their young hearts.

It is a real privilege to share this eternal life saving ministry with you in the hope that you will want to become one of our new Life Centre Advocates. – Thank you.

