

# PERUVIAN OUTREACH PROJECT



## Aldea Updates

A Christmas party was held for the children at the Aldea Infantil Virgen del Pilar Orphanage on December 22, 2024. The day included entertainment, food, and gifts. It was a festive day for all! POP also provided a new microwave for the cafeteria to assist in food preparation for the children.



## Exciting News!

Cristian Johnston, president of POP, will travel with his family to Tarapoto where they will stay for almost a year. Cristian will assist in moving the Hogar Hermelinda to a new site specifically prepared for our needs (pictured to the right). We are excited for the opportunity to utilize this beautiful new space.



Four of our six participants will finish their course work in July 2025. They are then required to write a thesis to become fully certified as nurses. The other two participants will follow six months later. New candidates will be interviewed to enter the Hogar Hermelinda Program as positions open.



## Trujillo Project

The Peruvian nonprofit Illary Sumaq has prepared to establish the Children's Center for Integrated Services including the development of an International Agreement with the Peruvian Outreach Project. They will be able to initiate the program in February and start working with students in March when the new school year begins. As more funds can be raised, the program will be able to expand.

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## Hogar Hermelinda Updates continued:

Several of the participants in the Hogar Hermelinda Program are from the village of Papaplaya, located roughly three hours from Tarapoto. This Christmas, Hogar Hermelinda made a visit to the village and brought gifts for the children of the village. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing. The village and families are proud of their girls and are learning more about the Peruvian Outreach Project.



## Interested in traveling to Peru?

The Peruvian Outreach Project is considering offering a two week service trip to Tarapoto, Peru in the summer of 2025. This trip would allow supporters and interested parties the opportunity to see our work first hand and also to learn more about the culture and people of Peru. On your service trip you will spend time with the current participants in the Hogar Hermelinda Program and at the Aldea Infantil Virgen del Pilar. Visits to local tourist attractions such as mud baths with nibbling fish, the castle and chocolate shop at Lamas, Laguna Azul, and an overnight visit to the village of Chazuta will also be included. It will be our first organized trip so we need adventurous individuals who can be flexible and will give us honest feedback. If interested, please contact [info@wnypop.org](mailto:info@wnypop.org).



## Save the date!

Please look for the opportunity to join us for the third annual POP dinner to be held in April 2025 at the Genesee Orleans County Arts Council in Batavia, NY. Pre-purchase of tickets are required in order to be able to plan the event.