

FRONTIERA
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MISSIONS





Keith and Mila Smith serve as missionaries in Peru. Even though their ministry is based in Lima, their work takes them all over the country. From the Amazon Jungles, to the high Andes Mountains, and the barren desert hills of Jicamarca, Frontera Misiones impacts countless families each year with the Gospel. Donna Gustafson, also part of Frontera, serves in Cauhide. Amber and Mijail also live in Lima and partner with Keith in and around Lima and jungle areas. Many Peruvians migrate to Lima and surrounding areas to escape the greater poverty of the provinces for a new life and to pursue more opportunity in the city. Life is very hard for those that live in extreme poverty. There is a struggle to receive clean water, access to electricity, safe food to eat, access to healthcare, and a job to support their families. Add to that, 800,000+ Venezuelan refugees that have escaped the struggles of their country over the past five years and have made Peru their home. All of this makes for many people in great need every day. It is a ripe environment for Hope to find a footing and for Jesus' Name to be known.

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Peru

JICAMARCA

Jicamarca is a desert region on the outskirts of Lima. Frontera works across the high, barren hills in 16 zones. If you stand on top of any one of the hills in the area, you will see makeshift home after home - ready and waiting for the hope of Jesus. This destitute community started as a squatter settlement, developed by families displaced by the Marxist revolutionary violence that terrorized the countryside years ago. Many of these poor farmers came in search of safety and opportunity but most only found slightly more bearable poverty. The families in Jicamarca live in extreme poverty and struggle to earn enough income to support their families. Most men earn between \$12-15 a day. Minimum wage in Peru is about \$220 a month. God opened the doors for Frontera to share with hundreds of these families with the Gospel, as well as food relief during the world's longest, strictest lockdown. Frontera has been working in this region for just over 8 years. Primary ministry activities include: discipleship in family and/or neighbor groups, evangelism, women's studies and the Aventureros children's discipleship programs.



THE AMAZON

With about 500,000 inhabitants, Iquitos is the largest city in the world unreachable by road. This city is on the banks of the mighty Amazon River and is Frontera's launching point for reaching many villages along the river and its tributaries. Through visits to these villages, the Frontera Pastors Network was launched. This network is a group of local pastors who are reaching their villages and have a heart to reach even further. Frontera is working hand in hand with these pastors to extend the borders of the kingdom in this jungle region. Frontera missionary, Donna, lives in a village called Cahuide. We have a strong partnership with the local church here and lead weekly outreaches for kids, youth and women. Frontera also works weekly with the Bora and Yahua tribes, offering discipleship materials and classes, as well as church support to the local congregations in both communities. Ministry projects include: Discipleship studies (both written and oral, depending on level of literacy), Pastoral network meetings, school ministry, women's ministry, kid's discipleship, and village outreach trips.



THE ANDES

The Andes Mountains are home to hundreds of isolated villages. Many of the villages that Frontera works with are at elevations of more than 13,000 feet above sea level. In this region, there are so many difficulties that the locals have to face including extreme cold/freezing with no heat sources, very limited economic resources, lack of access to education, etc. This is the newest region for Frontera Missions. We have formed a partnership with a local pastor who works tirelessly with his family to bring the Gospel to this region and form disciples who make disciples. Our goal is to continue to reach more and more villages in partnership with these local missionaries. Frontera has been able to provide shoes, blankets, food, and other relief items to villages in the area as well as the message of the salvation we have in Jesus. We are currently working on a children's book to be translated into local Quechua language, which will be the first Bible storybook available to these kids in their native language.





TRIP DETAILS

WHAT DOES A FRONTERA/LAUNCH MISSION TRIP LOOK LIKE?

Work will vary depending on the area of your ministry. While we can't give specifics until the team has formed, you'll be part of a thriving kids ministry with dramas, skits and crafts. There will also be opportunities to do house-to-house. Depending on the make-up of your team, we may work within schools, minister with pastors, and play a little soccer along the way.

IS IT SAFE?

Yes. In Peru, we like to say, "You are safe, but your belongings are NOT." Expensive items (rings, necklaces, etc) should all be left at your home in the United States. Even though "You are safe", we always advise staying WITH the group. You will be partnered up with someone as a "buddy" to ensure everyone follows this important rule.

DO I NEED TO KNOW SPANISH?

No. Translators will accompany us on all of our ministry experiences.

HOW STRENUOUS ARE THE ACTIVITIES?

- Each day, we will complete different ministry events. Jicamarca events are usually focused on kids' activity, discipleship classes, or house-to-house engagement. There are LOTS of steps to go up and down as we navigate between different levels of the mountain. Prepare you leg muscles now!
- Amazon Jungle events are similar to Jicamarca; however the biggest difference is the environment. The weather will be hot and humid. Be prepared to drink lots of water and sweat - a lot!

WHERE WILL WE STAY?

- Lima/Jicamarca – A proper basic hotel or church dormitories. WiFi possible.
- Iquitos (Jungle) – A proper basic hotel. WiFi possible.
- Cauhide (Jungle with Donna) – Open air dorms.
- Andes – Varies.

WHAT WILL I EAT or DRINK?

- We never eat from street vendors or local open-air markets.
 - Lunch – We typically serve a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, sometimes ham/turkey and cheese. Chips and cookies are provided.
- Dinner - Dinners may be cooked by a local ministry partner or at a local restaurant
- Sodas (Coke, Inca Cola, Fanta) are often available and can be purchased at small shops in the area. You can also drink your own water. We never drink water from the tap.

WHAT DOES THE COST OF THE TRIP INCLUDE?

This is a turnkey trip! Everything you need for ministry are included in the cost (airfare, overseas medical insurance, translators, ground transportation, local housing, trip supplies) The cost does NOT include basic vaccinations (your team leader will review these), personal spending money for snacks or personal expenses/gifts and passports. Approximate trip cost \$2800 (dependent on airfare).

