

## Making a difference



In 2016, you helped us raise a fantastic £16,000, which we shared between the Paz y Esperanza offices in Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia. We asked Alfonso Wieland, the co-founder and Latin American director, to tell us how the money will be spent.

In **Ecuador**, the money will pay for ten children who have suffered sexual abuse to receive pastoral, emotional and legal support. It will also support training church leaders to help them prevent violence against women in their communities and churches.

In **Peru**, five survivors of domestic violence will receive grants so they can start small businesses in Ayacucho. The photo above shows a woman who PyE has already helped to start her own business. PyE will also continue to represent in court the families of the people killed by the military in Putis in December 1984 to try to achieve justice.

One hundred pupils from public primary schools in **Bolivia** will receive training so they know how to respond if somebody tries to abuse them. Also in Bolivia, the money will fund pastoral support for five survivors of domestic violence.

Finally, PyE will be creating an online training programme to train leaders and pastors in a number of Latin American countries so they know how to prevent domestic violence.

We are so grateful for the financial support of churches and individuals in the UK and as you can see, your money goes a long way in Latin America to help a lot of people.

However, in 2017 we would love to raise more money so we can help more people. There are so many in immediate need at the moment in Peru, where unprecedented torrential rain and flooding caused by the coastal El Niño phenomenon has left at least 97 dead, 348 injured, 20 missing and nearly 798,000 affected, according to the latest official figures. Many homes, schools and hospitals in hundreds of towns along the coast have collapsed, many have been left uninhabitable and many thousands have been damaged.

PyE's team in Lima are responding to the emergency by supporting almost 300 families of the flash flooding and landslides with

access to food and drinking water, shelter, psychological and pastoral care and advocacy.



The team there would welcome your prayer support, including for all those affected, for the people helping to stem the flow of the rivers which have burst their banks, for the reconstruction work, for the churches and organisations actively responding, for awareness about the effects of climate change and of course for the work of PyE in communities including Cajamarquilla and Carapongo (see above photo).

Your financial support is important at this critical time to provide food and drinking water, mattresses, nappies and pumps for families to extract mud and water from their homes.

We have set up a special JustGiving page to direct funds to the emergency work in Peru: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Peru-floods>

## FUNDRAISING FOR ECUADOR

In Ecuador over 20% of children have suffered some form of sexual abuse. For every 1,000 criminal complaints, only five result in convictions. Last year PyE offered pastoral and psychological support to over 150 children who had survived abuse, trained 40 church leaders on abuse prevention and trained more than 90 women in poor areas to become advocates of women's rights. They supported nine cases through court, despite not having a lawyer.

They would love to do more. In Guayaquil, a city of two million people, PyE is the only organisation offering full services for survivors of abuse. Many find hope through the support, as expressed by one mother: *"After my child was abused, I didn't know where to turn. I was desperate. I came to PyE and my daughter is receiving treatment from a psychologist. She has improved a lot since the trauma she suffered."*

To continue this work in 2017, PyE has raised 80% of the funding but still needs an additional £1,200 a month to employ a lawyer. Will you give a monthly donation or one-off gift for a lawyer to bring justice to those in need?

We have set up a special JustGiving page to direct funds towards this work in Ecuador:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/PYE-Ecuador-tackling-violence-against-children>

### PLEASE PRAY FOR PAZ Y ESPERANZA :

- Please pray for comfort, peace and practical help for the many survivors of the flooding in Peru.
- For the survivors of sexual abuse in Ecuador and that PyE may be able to help as many as possible.
- For PyE's funding for 2017, that God may provide what is needed so the team can reach those in need of peace and hope.

**BOOK A SPEAKER** for your small group or church, to equip you to stand alongside those silenced by oppression and injustice across Latin America.

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