



PERUVIAN PARTNERS

- News from Flores de Villa Peru -

We Need Your Help!

DID YOU KNOW?

Ninety percent of a child's brain growth happens between birth and the age of three. **Dirt floors, unsafe living conditions as well as lack of developmental resources, prevent children in Flores from exploring, developing their imagination, and reaching critical milestones like crawling, walking or talking.** Babies in Flores are born into this disadvantaged youth, and the lack of access to quality early education further widens the gap between them and their higher income peers.

Claudia (pictured bottom left), the director of Peruvian's Partners' early childhood stimulation center, has worked hard to reach the lowest income families in Flores de Villa. She seeks out the poorest of the poor and encourages them to enroll their children in the early childhood stimulation center. In addition, she helps foster the mother-child bond by educating mothers on how to stimulate their babies at an early age, and connects these young mothers to the women's Bible study group. **Currently, the program serves 24 children per week from the ages of 5 months to 3 years old, in a rented building.** However, we could be reaching and serving many more children and mothers with our own space!



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Peruvian Partners recently purchased a lot near the girls' Casa Darling/America home. Plans for the three-story structure are being drafted to include an early stimulation center on the first floor, a medical nursing post on the second floor, and transitional housing for graduates of the boys' and girls' homes on the third floor. **With your help, we hope that the new early childhood stimulation center will double our capacity.** The cost of the project will be **\$300,000** and it will take approximately 6-9 months to build. We are hoping to receive all contributions by **June 1st** so that construction can begin immediately. Any dollars over the \$300,000 would be allocated for supplies and scholarships for children to attend the early childhood stimulation center. Would you prayerfully consider donating to this cause?

If you have any questions regarding this ministry, please contact Maria-Paz Stavros at **617-869-1807** or mpstavros@gmail.com. Your prayers, financial gifts, and trips to Flores de Villa have been so impactful in so many lives both Peruvian and North American. **Thank you for being so faithful in what God is doing in the ministry of Flores de Villa.**

In Him,
Alex and Maria-Paz Stavros & Advisory Board

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*"Early Childhood Stimulation
Center."*

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