**Rotary Districts 7770 and 4465
Vocational Training Team - 2014**

**Vocational Training Team Fact Sheet – Peru, 2014 – Phase One**

The following information is provided for Rotarians and non-Rotarians who might be interested in joining Phase One of the District 7770 Vocational Training Team (VTT) trip to Peru in May, 2014. Questions should be directed to VTT Team Leader Tom Richards at [trrichards8@gmail.com](trrichards8%40gmail.com).

**Number of Team members:** 5 – 1 Team Leader + 4 area specialists

**Duration of the travel in Peru:** 3 weeks

**Timing of the travel:** May, 2014

**Living conditions in Peru:** Team members should be prepared for living conditions less comfortable than what they are used to at home. In Iquitos, a relatively large city in the Amazon Basin region of Peru, the accommodations are expected to be quite good; away from the city living conditions will be more primitive. It is possible the Team may spend extended periods (days at a time) living and working from a boat on the Amazon River. In the Piura / Chiclayo area, in the arid coastal northwest of the country, team members may expect to be living in conditions considerably less comfortable than at home. It is likely that there will not be regular and reliable access to internet and telephone communications in some parts of the country. In many parts of the country mosquitos can be a problem, and in spite of precautions to avoid them, they cannot be completely discounted. The parts of Peru in which the Team will be working are quite close to the equator and temperatures will be very warm. The rainy season will be tapering off somewhat in May, but we can expect to see a good deal of rain while we are there. Some time will be afforded for R&R while in the country.

**Specialty Areas and Qualifications:** The VTT will concentrate on 3 Rotary Areas of Focus - Basic Education and Literacy; Economic and Community Development; and Water and Sanitation. Since Phase One of the VTT will focus primarily on observing current conditions and talking with local residents to do needs-assessment for planning future projects, it will be helpful to have as team members people not only with experience and knowledge in one or more of the specific Areas of Focus, but who are also people …

\* with some fluency in the Spanish language;
\* with some foreign travel experience;
\* with a great deal of common sense, capable of creative, imaginative “out of the box” thinking;
\* who can be described as visionary, capable of seeing a wide range of possibilities, and also of knowing which are realistically capable of being achieved;
\* who are proven problem solvers, able to innovate and “make-do” to achieve an objective;
\* who are not only capable of working well in a team, but who are often at their best in collaboration with others;
\* who are achievers, driven to effective action in the interest of “Service Above Self.”

**Time requirements before traveling to Peru**: There will be several team meetings during the months leading up to the trip to Peru. All team members will need to be well-versed in the projects which Rotary has accomplished in the past in the areas to be visited. There will be at least one full-day of training at Water Missions International in Charleston prior to traveling, and team members will be expected to attend the District Conference in Charleston on March 28 – 30, 2014. Team members will not be reimbursed for expenses during this period of pre-travel training.

**Expenses:** Team Members’ travel and ordinary living expenses in Peru will be paid for by the Rotary International Global Grant which will fund this Vocational Training Team. Personal items, incidental expenses, and in-country recreation are the responsibility of the team member.

**Insurance:** Insurance coverage for persons traveling as part of this Vocational Training Team is provided by Rotary International. Details and limits of coverage may be found on the District 7770 website ([www.rotary7770.org](http://www.rotary7770.org)).

**Medical:** It will be the responsibility of each Team Member to consult with a medical professional to determine which inoculations are required or recommended prior to traveling to Peru. No one will be permitted to travel as part of this VTT without first providing evidence of having received the required inoculations. The cost of these inoculations will be paid as part of this Global Grant.

**Passport and Visa:** Team members must possess a valid passport to travel. No visa is required for travel to Peru.