

In the shantytowns just outside of Lima, Peru, the average income is less than \$100 per month. Three-quarters of heads of households are unemployed. The majority scrape a living from informal trades or construction work.

Into this environment steps **Threads of Hope**, a Forrest Outreach SEED program that assists Peruvian families by supporting women who sew the beautiful indigenous textile crafts of Peru.

Threads of Hope facilitates the sale of this hand-work throughout the United States, returning more than 90% of the sales proceeds to reinforce the financial welfare of participating families.

The Peruvian crafters put the money towards their greatest needs, including areas that directly impact their children's futures, such as education, housing and health care.

*"We are grateful for your help with this work. The truth is, it is a great deal of help. My husband and my son are very grateful for the apilleras. We make them with much love."*

*-Expression of gratitude from one of the Peruvian crafters*



## THREADS OF HOPE

*changing the fabric of life*



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« Bible Cover, Noah's Ark »

*"We dedicate the arpilleras with much love, caring and a big strong hug for all. Even though you are far away, you are in our hearts."*  
— A word of thanks from one of the artisans

Peru has long been famous for its fiber art known as *arpilleras*. In fact, 6,000-year-old textiles have been discovered, their brilliant colors undiminished by Peru's dry desert air. Today, arpilleras are still a common cultural form of decoration in Peruvian households. And now, this ancient art has been transformed into an opportunity for women living in shantytowns around Lima to create a new life for their families.

**Threads of Hope**, in partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Peru, facilitates and supports numerous sewing groups. These groups meet weekly for Bible study and to build community while sewing together.

*"Thank you for giving my mother work. I love you very much!"*  
— 10-year-old son of an artist

Exquisite detail, vivid color, and the heart of each artist make every arpillera a one-of-a-kind gift for anyone.

Arpilleras portray Bible stories and scenes of the region where the artist live. They are offered in the form of wall art, pillows, Bible covers, purses, clothing and other popular articles. View more items online: [www.ForrestOutreachFoundation.org/store](http://www.ForrestOutreachFoundation.org/store)

« Pillow Cover, Valley Market »

« Handbag, Orchard »



## How can you help change the fabric of life?

- » Purchase arpilleras for yourself or as a gift at a local sale or online at: [www.ForrestOutreachFoundation.org](http://www.ForrestOutreachFoundation.org).
- » Host a sale at your local church, home or civic group.
- » Volunteer to help sell arpilleras at a sale.
- » Sell arpilleras in your retail store. Hand-stitched tapestries from Peru add color and beauty to life.

You can help create a brighter future for the people living in Peruvian shantytowns. Every purchase empowers a woman to create a better life for herself and her family. You are a vital link in this transformation.

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