



# Fiona Cary Student Work in Cusco, Peru



'GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS' – MATTHEW 28:19

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## The fields are ripe for the harvest

The past fortnight saw the opportunity to take part in the peach harvest at my extended host family's farm- not the harvest I have come to Peru for, but a good reminder none the less. As my ministry here so far has been exclusively with Christian students, I have not seen so much how ripe the spiritual harvest fields are. As the Christian Union in the Andina University (3<sup>rd</sup> pic from top) is still getting started, we have not done any outreach work yet, but rather been consolidating the group. Like the second picture, sometimes the students are a bit like the sheep that needs putting on a lead to go where the shepherd wants– it can be hard to make meetings happen and to get them excited to come along. Numbers have not been as high as the first week, and multiple texts and phone calls are often necessary. But many times in life the Good Shepherd also has to put me on a metaphorical lead and drag me where he wants me to go, so the photo serves as a humbling metaphor for me too.

An American missionary lady (Jess, second from left in top photo), who is also helping with the CU, and I have had the idea of starting an English practice group around the university, potentially hosting it in one of the cafés nearby. The aim would be to have a space where students who don't know Christ to come and practice their English with us, and we could share the Gospel with them through our conversation, and potentially hold a Bible study in English, as well as inviting them along to the CU meetings. I am also currently working with the youth/young adult group in Garcilaso, a local church. I will be training up their worship team in what it means to worship, and how to lead the group in worship well.

**Please pray John 4:34-38 over me and the CU, that I would see a ripe spiritual harvest here, through the 'harvesting' that the students will do, and through the English club idea. Please pray for the logistics and organisation of the latter, that we would do it according to God's plan, and do it well. Please pray Luke 12:32-34 and John 10 over myself and the students, that we would gladly follow our Good Shepherd, without need of leads, and that we would be hope-filled and not discouraged by small numbers. Please pray 1 Peter 5:2-4 over me, that I would shepherd the students well. Please pray for the Garcilaso group and the worship team, that they would be built up, and be a blessing to each other and the wider church, and that I would know how to teach them well. God is the God of the university, and of Cusco, may He be known in this city!**

*As always, I would love to hear from you and hear your prayer requests!*

