



**Project Restoration  
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**The Nancy Cole Women's Home  
of Lima, Peru**

**History and Goals  
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After participating in a Missions Team Trip to Peru in the summer of 2005, various individuals felt led to begin a campaign to raise funds for the Nancy Cole Women's Home in Lima, Peru. The physical conditions of the building are appalling and there is a great need for monthly operational support. Currently, there are 32 residents at the home literally living by faith from day to day for food and the basics of life.

The women at the home are all victims of drug or alcohol addictions and many have been physically and sexually abused. Most of them come directly from the streets to the home, seeking shelter, acceptance and love. Most have been rejected or abandoned by their families. Some are placed there by the courts.

Pastor Lilliam Cossios-Merino founded the home in 2001. She and her entire family are trophies of God's grace and mercy, having been delivered from a life of drug addiction over 20 years ago. She is now a fully-licensed minister, working under the covering of the Camino de Vida Church in Lima. She is also pursuing her Master's Degree in the Psychology of Addictions. With the assistance of local churches, she has visited the Southside Virginia area to speak on two occasions during the fall of 2005.

Her vision is to see the home as a lighthouse to first bring restoration from the spiritual perspective, followed by vocational and family-life training to restore these ladies to their proper role in their families. Some of the women have children and over half of the residents are teenagers.

While the Camino de Vida Church provides some monthly support, their resources are extremely limited due to the overwhelming poverty that exists in Peru. They have established hundreds of outreach ministries in the city of Lima and throughout the country of Peru, which includes an old donated building known as the Nancy Cole Women's Home.

When this project began, only one church in the United States provided monthly financial support for the home. Therefore, one of the four goals of Project Restoration is to present the need to churches with a request to include the home in their monthly mission's budget. These funds will be wired on a regular basis to assist with the regular operational expenses.

The second goal is to raise \$60,000 to rebuild the original home. It is located in the most dangerous area of Lima; however, it stands as a lighthouse in the midst of darkness. Pastor Lilliam is concerned that, if the location was moved, the women who most desperately need the help would not be able to contact the home. Therefore, plans have been drawn to demolish the current structure and build a new building in phases, which includes a four-story building to house over 60 women. That raised the cost from the original projection of \$30,000. The new figure includes paying a Peruvian team of workers to construct the new building. However, our initial goal is to raise \$45,000 by June, 2006 to pay for the demolition and the construction of the first three floors.

The crumbling condition of the home dictates that the funds must be raised as soon as possible. In addition, recent problems with raw sewage back-up in the home have caused a serious health issue. Many of the women are suffering from a foot disease because of the exposure to the sewage in the one shower at the home (which is not functional at all times). Therefore, the urgency of raising the funds is increased.

The third goal of Project Restoration is to send a ministry team of to Peru in August of 2006 to assist with the finishing details of the building project and to minister at both the women's home and the Kawsay Nan Children's Home near Cusco. The date is August 5-13, 2006 and seventeen people are participating. If are interested in supporting the trip or if you need more information, please contact us.

The fourth goal is still in the planning stages. Once the construction of the building is complete, we will solicit churches, groups, civic organizations, business and individuals to "Adopt a Project" to equip the home. This will include small and large projects, such as kitchen appliances and equipment, books for the library, beds and accessories, computers for literacy training, chairs, tables, PA system, furniture, etc. If you or your group would be interested in raising funds for a specific project, please contact us for a list of needs.

Dale and Sheryl Baird have agreed to coordinate Project Restoration. However, an Advisory Board has been established to provide financial accountability through regular audits of the records, provide a spiritual prayer covering for the project, offer suggestions and help for the project, and network with other churches to provide exposure of the needs of the Nancy Cole Women's Home. The Advisory Board is a volunteer group that will meet three or four times each year, with a smaller Auditing Committee appointed by the Board to regularly review the financial records.

Two accounts have been established at First Citizen's Bank in Lawrenceville. The Construction Fund has been placed in a six-month CD that will mature on June 1, 2006. Regular deposits can be made with a \$50 minimum and there are no fees. These funds will accumulate until the entire amount is raised or until the funds are needed to begin the project.

The Operational Fund has been placed in a Business Savings Account. With a \$300 minimum, there are no fees. The account was opened with \$300 from the Construction Fund, which will remain in the account as the minimum balance until the Construction Funds are needed. Any income from operations will be wired on a periodic basis, depending on the amount. First Citizen's Bank has agreed to lower the wire fee to their costs (which should be app. \$15 – the regular international wire fee is \$30).

Since we do not have a tax identification number, Ebony Assembly of God agreed to serve as the host church so that their numbers could be used to establish the accounts. However, the accounts are separate and are not included in the accounting system for the church.

We covet your prayers for this project. Any questions or ideas should be directed to Dale and Sheryl Baird at P.O. Box 31, Ebony, Virginia 23845. The email address is [dalebaird@hotmail.com](mailto:dalebaird@hotmail.com) and the phone numbers are (434) 636-2808 or C-(434) 637-2345. Thank you for your interest.

