



Missionaries to Peru

Wendy and Pat Campbell spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on September 6. They are missionaries to Peru. They grew up in New York and have been married 40 years.

Wendy was a nurse at Bethany Lutheran Home in Manilla, Iowa for 34 years. Pat was a High School coach there for 34 years. They retired in 1989. Now

they spend half their time in Peru and half in the United States. They have about 30 students.

People in Peru are descendants of the Incas. Wendy and Pat teach Quechua and Spanish students. They work in the Urabamba River Valley, 9000 feet above sea level.

Peru has a wide variety of climates, from the coast which is a desert to the Iquitos which is jungle. The Spanish destroyed everything of Incan history except the Machu Picchu. It is a 15th-century Inca site located high in the mountains and was hidden from the Spanish by heavy overgrowth.

Adobe is the building material of choice. It provides a lot of jobs. Guinea pig is a common food. Their main foods are potatoes, corn, carrots, and okra. The people use natural ingredients for dyes. Different tribes can be distinguished because they wear different hats.

Pat teaches in English in a seminary college in Peru. He teaches six classes and visiting professors teach other classes.

The students are post high school students, mainly 18-22, with some older students. The school year is March to December. The school program is a four year program. The students take one class at a time, each one for three weeks. Each student is assigned to help at a church on Saturday and Sunday. It costs \$500 per year for the school, but many of the students do work-study to pay the cost.