A CHRONOLOGY OF PROTESTANT BEGINNINGS: PERU

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Historical Overview of Peru

Independence from Spain: 1824
Peru-Bolivian Confederation: 1836-1839
Independent Republic Established: 1840
War of the Pacific (Chile, Peru, Bolivia): 1879-1882
Religious Freedom Established: 1915 and 1925
Number of North American Agencies in 1989: 82
Number of North American agencies in 1996: 61

Indicates European society*

Significant Protestant Beginnings or Events:

1812 - *British and Foreign Bible Societies colportage
1822 - *British and Foreign Bible Societies colporteur, James Thomson
1824 - American Bible Society colporteur, W. Wheelwright
1849 - *Anglican chapel services in Lima
1858 - Early Swedish Lutheran chapel services in Callao: the Petersons.
1877 - Methodist Episcopal self-supporting School work
1877 - *Non-conformist Anglican chapel services in Callao (William and Archibald Taylor)
1884 - Presbyterian Church USA work began by J. M. Thompson
1888 - American Bible Society colporteur Francisco Penzotti establishes Peruvian Bible Society, aided by a Chilean Colporteur, J. B. Arancet; Penzotti was imprisoned in 1890-1891.
1891 - Methodist Episcopal Church Board of Foreign Missions (Thomas B. Wood)
1893 - *English Open Plymouth Brethren group in Callao (Charles H. Bright)
1893 - *Regions Beyond Missionary Union (merged with World Team in 1995)
1894 - *Evangelical Union of South America, EUSA (John Richie)
1903 - Pilgrim Holiness Church (Willis and Martha Brand)
1903 - Wesleyan Church World Missions
1906 - Seventh-day Adventist Church General Conference (1898)
1911 - Early independent Pentecostal work begins in Callao and Lima by Mr. & Mrs. Howard W. Cragin.
1914 - Church of the Nazarene, Board of Foreign Missions (Roger and Mary Winans)
1916 - *Free Church of Scotland (Presbyterian, John A. Mackay)
1917 - Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
1919 - Assemblies of God Foreign Missions (Hurlburts and Barkers)
1921 - YMCA, International Commission
1921 - South American Mission
1922 - Peruvian Evangelical Church – Iglesia Evangélica Peruana (IEP) – a national church body formed by Richie and associates along Presbyterian lines (a cooperative venture supported by the EUSA, the C&MA, and the Presbyterians; Richie resigned from the EUSA in 1928).
1923 - *South American Indian Mission
1925 - Christian and Missionary Alliance (during the early years, the C&MA cooperated with the IEP, but in 1954 the C&MA missionaries and churches left to form their own independent denomination)
1926 - Canadian South American Mission
1926 - Inland South American Missionary Union
1928 - First Pentecostal revival reported in Peru (the Ericson brothers in Carás)
1929 - Association of Baptists for World Evangelization (ABWE)
1935 - Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions
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1975 - Evangelical Free Church of North America
1975 - Latin America Mission
1979 - South American Missionary Society (SAMS) – Anglican/Episcopal tradition
1980 - Christians In Action, Inc.
1981 - Food for the Hungry
1982 - Habitat for Humanity International
1984 - Childcare International
1985 - World Mission Prayer League (Lutheran)
1986 - Christian Leadership Development
1986 - Eastern Mennonite Missions
1987 - Macedonian Baptist Mission
1988 - The Luke Society
1988 - Bible Missionary Church
1991 - Kids Alive International
1994 - AMG International
1994 - Lutheran World Relief
1995 - BCM International
1995 - World Concern
1995 - Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod
1995 - Christ for the City International (affiliated with Latin America Mission)

Date of Origin Unknown:

Brethren Assemblies, USA and Canada (1890s?)

Christian Aid Mission

Heifer Project International
Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions (affiliated with Carl McIntire in the USA)

Irish Baptist Church (prior to 1940)

Peruvian Inland Mission (prior to 1940)

Scripture Union-USA

Spanish World Gospel Mission

Youth With A Mission (YWAM)

NOTES:

(1) Dates listed indicate the earliest recorded ministry or in case of discrepancies, the date most frequently indicated.

(2) North American Agencies include U.S. and Canadian.

SOURCES:


(2) Jean B. A. Kessler, A Study of the Older Protestant Missions and Churches in Peru and Chile (Goes, Netherlands: Oosterbaan & le Cointre N.V., 1967)

(3) PROLADES (Latin American Socio-religious Studies Program), international headquarters in San José, Costa Rica: www.prolades.com
