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Dear Lions Club,

My visit to Peru was everything I could have hoped for and more. Between two host families, I saw the entire country: Caral-Supe (the third oldest civilization in the world!!!), Cusco/Machu Picchu (a wonder of the world!), Caraz (a small village), Yunguay (the place where the most devastating earthquake in history was!), San Ramon (the rainforest!), and plenty of Lima also. With the Lions Club Program, I felt very safe. The only time I was alone was in baggage claim and the terminal when I had to leave.

I made a lot of friends, and still have great relationships with my host families. They were so welcoming and kind, i will be grateful for the rest of my life. I had the opportunity to explore and experience Peru in six short weeks, and most people where i come from have never left Michigan. The Lions Club Youth Exchange Program really was beneficial and I am so happy to have had the chance to travel through them.

I had taken Spanish classes prior to my trip, but while in Peru, i learned their language so easy and rapidly, I am proud now to say i can speak Spanish.

Unfortunately, my pictures will not upload onto my e-mail. But, out of all 822 of them, none could explain just how amazing and wonderful (or maravilloso in Spanish) my trip was.

Sincere Thanks,  
Caitlin Homrich