



CASTILLO FUERTE



- *Embraces some of Lima's most vulnerable little ones with Christ's love*
- *Nurtures all aspects of child development*
- *Starting point for outreach to parents and families*

Castillo Fuerte, which means Mighty Fortress in Spanish, is a mercy house located in an industrial area of Lima, Peru, that provides a haven for some of the most vulnerable little ones. Working poor in the neighborhood spend long hours in factories to make ends meet, leaving school-age children to fend for themselves.

In the La Victoria district, Castillo Fuerte provides after-school care for children who have no place to go. Children gather around folding tables each weekday afternoon for a hot family-style meal. Devoted teachers share God's Word through daily devotions. In addition,

they assist with homework and provide emotional support while incorporating extracurriculars like art and music whenever possible. Good behavior is rewarded with much-anticipated outings to a neighborhood park for volleyball or Frisbee.

Twice-weekly chapel services reinforce biblical truths and equip children for active participation in Divine Services. Thanks be to God, many parents are also reached as a result of the outreach of Castillo Fuerte. Some accompany their children to the meals, the chapel services and also Divine Services.

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