

# PLANS FOR THE CENTRE

THIS YEAR, WE BEGAN FUNDRAISING FOR THE NEW CENTRE.



Susie viewed a number of potential properties whilst in Arequipa. One of the most ideal properties is on the market for around £140,000. It has a disused church space already intact and a number of other rooms arranged around a central courtyard suitable for converting into craft workshops, stores and a shop.



There are also superb views over Arequipa and the mountains beyond, making it the perfect location for a roof-top café. In addition it is very close to the centre of the city, being just 5 minutes' walk from the central 'Plaza' and on a tourist route to another popular attraction.

We have already had a firm offer from a UK builder to take a team out once we are ready to do any necessary building, and a volunteer chef who helped set up the Neema Crafts cafe – has offered to go and help set up the café once it's built. We are now raising funds, so that we can purchase the building and start establishing the centre.



Before Susie left Arequipa in April, she created a number of administration tools for Bethsaida, the project leader, to use to run and manage the project, including invoices, bin cards, stock control forms, product costing calculator forms etc., and gave her a brief grounding in how to use them. In the UK, Susie has been supporting the project via email and has been Skyping Bethsaida regularly. She brought back a large number of beads and components from Peru so as to work on more new designs for them.