



TWO HUNDRED YEARS

This has been the year of anniversaries. **25 years** for Paz y Esperanza Peru, **10 years** for Paz y Esperanza UK and now today, 28th July, **200 years** since Peru gained its independence from Spain.

Also today is a day of celebration in Peru for another reason. A new president is to be sworn in. After one of the most contentious and acerbic elections in history, and in the midst of the global pandemic that has shown Peru to have the highest death rate per 100,000 population in the world, **Pedro Castillo** takes office today. The result was only declared 4 days ago because of various challenges, legal and otherwise!

Relatively unknown and with little experience of public office, **let us pray** that he will be able to govern wisely, justly and well, that he can select a cabinet of men and women of integrity, and unite the country behind him. Our PyE colleagues around Peru may have a few days off work this week, but much uncertainty for the future will be awaiting them when they return

Now that restrictions are being relaxed in the UK and churches are beginning to reopen their doors, many will be planning their programme for the coming autumn. Don't forget we at PyE UK are ready and willing to visit you, your Sunday service, home group or mid-week meeting, to help people understand what the church is doing to combat suffering and injustice in this part of the world.

Just contact us with your thoughts and ideas at gdavies@pazyesperanza.org

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