

Insights

Discover what pet
they eat in Peru!

Is Dao ever going
to find peace?

Try to write
in Chinese!



Welcome!

At Vision, we desire to see the world reached in this generation with the good news that Jesus commanded us to preach. However, we cannot ignore the need to prepare the next generation to be ready to pick up where we will leave off. Preparing the next generation is why we have created Insights magazine.

In this magazine, you will find activities, stories, jokes, and games from missionaries spread around the world. Our authors are missionaries from China, India, South East Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America, and North America.

What an exciting time we are going to have! Sit back and enjoy as we travel around the world and learn in a fun way!

To Dad
and Mom

Before you realize it, your child will be a teenager. Then, after you blink, that teenager will be out of your house. Don't let it sink in too much though, you still have today. We here at Vision want to help you as you train your child. We want to give you tools to help you teach biblical truth to your child. We want you and your kids to be world-conscience. We want you to see what is going on all around the world.

We genuinely believe that you have the most critical job in all the world outside of being a husband or being a parent. You might be looking for suitable, sound biblical materials for the families God has given you to pastor. In this magazine, you will find fun, helpful activities for the families of your church.

Dear
Pastor

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD
SING THAT SONG AS YOU COLOR IN THE WORLD!



EXPLORE EUROPE

WITH FLORENCE THE FOX

ALBANIA



My name is Florence the Fox and I love exploring Europe. Today, we are exploring Albania!



Did you know?
The major religion is Islam.

Did you know?
Most people in Albania are Islamic.



Baklava is a traditional dessert in Albania.



Did you know? In Albania they believe that scarecrows can scare away jealousy. Only Jesus can take away our jealousy!



Perime ne Zgare is grilled vegetables that are served in Albania.





The Golden Eagle is the National Animal of Albania.



The Lahuta is an Albanian instrument made from pumpkin.

Did you know?

In the evenings, locals take a walk known as xhiro. People go outside to talk to their neighbors and stretch their legs, and some roads are even closed to cars during the xhiro.

Did you know?

In Albania, they shake their head to say "yes", and nod their head to say "no". That's the opposite of what we do! Isn't that confusing?

Did you know?

In Albania, when visitors come over, they spend all the money they make in a month and have a really big meal! Imagine having that much food on your table. I bet you would love having visitors over!



ALBANIA

BURKINA FASO

19.752.000 PEOPLE!



This is Abdoul.

Abdoul is fourteen years old and is from a Muslim family. He started going to the church in Burkina Faso. As he continued to come faithfully, he began to understand the Bible better. After a few months at church, he was already helping in the kid's classes.



This is Abdoul in his Sunday School class.

Abdoul loves life! He loves playing and having fun with his friends. He loves stealing mango from the trees at the nearby hospital and getting chased by the guards. He loves to sing. But most of all, he loves Jesus and his church. His father died a few years ago and he now lives with his mom and his seven siblings in a single room house. His mom washes clothes all day to help feed the family and Abdoul works part-time at a welder's shop to help her. But Abdoul is one of the happiest boys you will ever meet. Please pray that he will continue growing in his faith and can one day become a great man of God that does great things for God!

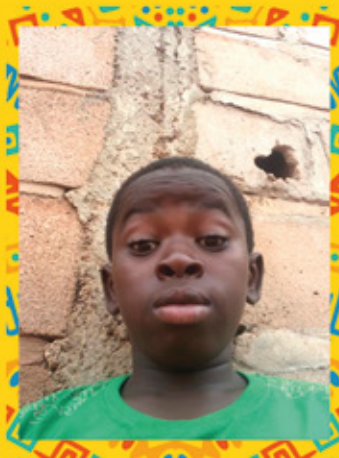




THE ABDOUL CHALLENGE

Along with some other young men at the church, Abdoul is working on memorizing 2 Timothy chapter 2.

So far, he has memorized verses 1-15. Why don't you join Abdoul in this challenge and try to memorize a verse from that chapter!



We are Jason and Charity Rishel, and we are missionaries in Burkina Faso! We have the amazing privilege to see kids like Abdoul, and grown ups, get saved every week! Our God loves the people that live in Burkina Faso.



CHILE



Costanera Center

Do you see that building? It's pretty tall, right? It's called "Torre Costanera", or "Costanera Center". The top two floors are just windows! You can go up there and look out all around the city. If you stacked 30 school buses on top of each other, they would be as tall as Costanera! As you look out over Santiago (the capital of Chile), you will see thousands of houses.

But you will also clearly see many Catholic monuments. Most Chileans believe that to get to Heaven, you have to be baptized as a baby, pray to Mary, and live as good as you can. Sadly, this will not work! No matter how high they build their buildings, or how good they are, Heaven cannot be reached that way.

We can only reach God if we believe only in Jesus and what he did on the cross.



Catholic idol



Protest in Chile



Liberty Baptist Church
Iglesia Bautista Libertad

Did you know that Easter Island belongs to Chile? It is one of Chile's 5,000 islands! This is where you will find huge rocks that look like people! Color in the statues. They are called "Moai".



Katherine Holt
(missionary kid in Chile)
and Rebeka (her friend)

I'm Jason Holt, missionary to Chile. What did you eat for breakfast today? Most Chilean kids will eat cereal. But, instead of milk, they put yogurt in it! You should try it tomorrow!



HONDURAS

Do you eat special foods at Easter time? So do the kids in Honduras! Some of the most popular meals include fried fish and crunchy cookies called 'rosquillas' (roe-skee-yahs) that are made with honey. Honduran families also make a special soup that has cheese dumplings in it!



If you are ever in Honduras during Semana Santa (the week of Easter) don't plan to see anyone going to school! Schools and many businesses close down from Monday through Sunday, leaving people free to celebrate all week long.

We are Andrew and Amber Garcia and we are missionaries to Honduras!



“Mama!” Ruth threw open the kitchen door and ran inside. “Mama! The sawdust was just delivered! Can I go watch the artists?”

Today was the Thursday before Easter in Honduras, and Ruth loved this week. From Monday until Sunday, she had no school to worry about, and Mama was making all sorts of good food to enjoy on Friday. The kitchen smelled like salted fish as Mama worked on the soup, and Ruth also saw a plastic bag full of Rosquillas En Miel sitting on the counter. She could almost taste the sweet honey cookies in her mouth.



But Ruth's favorite part of the week was the Alfombra. “Mama, they are starting the Alfombra. Can I go watch?” she repeated.

“What's the Alfombra?” Ruth's 7-year old cousin Carlos asked. He was visiting for the week and had never been in the city of Tegucigalpa during Easter week.

“It's lots and lots of colored sawdust, and they pack it down on the street and make giant pictures with stencils and stuff,” Ruth waved her hands trying to describe the colorful pictures that covered the streets for 20 blocks.

“Right on the street? What's it for?” Carlos asked.

“The people in the parade on Friday night walk down it... You know, the people carrying Jesus on the cross and the actors being Saint Peter and Saint Andrew.”

“What's so special about them?”

“Doesn't your family celebrate Semana Santa, Carlos?” Ruth asked impatiently.

“We usually just go to the beach,” Carlos shrugged. “What's so special about people carrying the cross down the street?”

Ruth had to think about that. “Um...” She looked at Mama for help.

“Ah, Carlos, you should tell your mama to teach you,” Mama scolded. “This week is all about Jesus dying on the cross so we go to Heaven.”



“I thought I go to Heaven if I'm a good boy and listen to the priest. That's what mama says.”

“Yes, that's true too.” Mama waved her hand impatiently. “It's all the same thing. Be a good boy. Go to mass. Then maybe the saints will pray for you. But don't bother me now; the fish will overcook.” She turned to Ruth. “Take your cousin out and show him the artists. But don't get in the way.”

“Yes!” Ruth squealed, and waving for Carlos to follow her, she dashed out the screen door.

Ruth and her family know that Jesus died on a cross, but they have no idea that He did that because their good works are not enough to earn them forgiveness from God. They need someone to tell them that only Jesus can help them, not the saints they pray to or the priests. Will you pray that the people in Honduras will hear the good news that they can be freely forgiven because of Jesus?



LESSONS FROM AN AFRICAN SAFARI

A TIGER'S STRIPES

Grab your gear, and let's go on a Safari hunt! Today we are looking for animals that are part of the cat family! What kind of animals do you think we will spot? Leopards, Cheetahs, jaguars, lions, and tigers can all be spotted as we drive our jeep on our African Safari. The first cat we spy is a tiger! One thing that sets a tiger apart from all these other cats is its stripes. People often use the expression, "A tiger cannot change its stripes!" Meaning that you will always be the same as you are right now.



Jason Rishel baptizing

Well, can a tiger really change its stripes? It is possible to count a tiger's stripes? Does each tiger have the same amount of stripes? The answer to all of these questions is, NO! Each tiger has a different amount of stripes. Some have orange color fur, with black and brown shaded stripes. Each of their stripes is different and unique just like each human being has a different fingerprint, eye color, and hair color. God, our Creator has designed every creature individually and uniquely.



Camp Rhino in South Africa

In Luke 19, the Bible tells us about a man who was a very sinful tax collector. One day Jesus met him in a sycamore tree, and then his life really began to change! Do you know the man's name? You guessed it... Zacchaeus! Before he met Jesus, he was a thief who was hated by most people. When Jesus came to his house, he was changed forever. He even paid back all the money he had stolen from the people of Jericho. Jesus changed his life forever!

Our job is to tell others how they can have a changed life! That's the job of a missionary. You can be a missionary today. Tell someone how Jesus can change their "stripes."



Charity Rishel with her disciples

Therefore if any man
be in Christ, he is a
new creature: old
things are passed
away, behold all things
are made NEW!

2 Corinthians 5:17



PRAY FOR YOUR MISSIONARY

Pick a Missionary from Africa and pray for them each day this week!

Missionary

Country

Prayer Request

DRAW THEIR COUNTRY FLAG

SAHARA FUN FACTS

Northern Africa is home to the world's largest hot desert, the Sahara Desert. The word "Sahara" is the Arabic word for desert. This dry and sandy sea is larger than the whole United States and covers eleven countries! Temperatures can reach over 120° F (your oven is that hot sometimes). Some of the sand dunes reach up to 500 feet tall! That's taller than most school buildings. Imagine your school being a big pile of sand. Pretty crazy, right?



Directions: Find and circle the African animals names! Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally..

Tongue Twister
A tidy tiger tied a tighter tie to
tidy her tiny tail.

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AFRICAN ANIMALS word search puzzle

AARDVARK
ANTELOPE
BABOON
BONGO
BUSHBUCK
CHEETAH
CHIMPANZEE
ELAND
ELEPHANT
GAZELLE
GIRAFFE
GORILLA
HIPPO
HYENA
IMPALA
JACKAL

KUDU
LEOPARD
LION
PORCUPINE
RHINO
VULTURE
WARTHOG
ZEBRA





Explore West Africa

With Livingstone the Elephant

Livingstone the Elephant is excited to continue his adventure with you as we explore what life is like for the 380 million people that live in West Africa! Another very important aspect of their lives is family. For most people in Africa, family is central to everything they do. So let's learn a little about what family life is like here.

Families are big

Most families in West Africa are big, really big! In the country of Niger, the average mother has seven children. In the villages and Muslim countries, where a man marries three or four wives, a little boy or girl could have over 25 brothers and sisters! This is one reason that the population of these countries is growing so fast.



Families are close

Inside of the house, there usually lives more than just Dad, mom, and the kids. Often times, Grandpa, grandma, aunts, uncles, and cousins all live together in the same house (which usually isn't very big). It is during weddings that EVERYONE gets together. Almost every member of the family leaves their village to come and celebrate the marriage for several days.

Families are strong

Because families are so big and close, they are very strong. This is a great thing but it can also create difficulties. The father usually controls everything in the family, from who you marry to what work you do. This can serve as a major obstacle to a child who wants to accept Christ. If their father is Muslim or Animistic, he can make life very difficult for the child that accepts Christ. On the other hand, when the father accepts Christ, he becomes a powerful testimony for his entire family!



Fun with C.T. the Monkey!

Why is it dangerous to do math in the jungle?
Because if you add four plus four,
you get ate



Country Spotlight: Benin

Capital city: Porto-Novo
Population: 11.49 Million
Population under the age of 15: 54%
Main religions: Christianity, Islam, Voodoo



Fill in the missing letters from the West African countries below to find out the name of the mystery country that was greatly impacted by missionary Lott Cary:

MA ___ I

BURK ___ NA FASO

___ ENIN

GUIN ___ A

NIGE ___ IA

GAMB ___ A

SENEG ___ L

Name of the country greatly impacted by Lott Cary is...



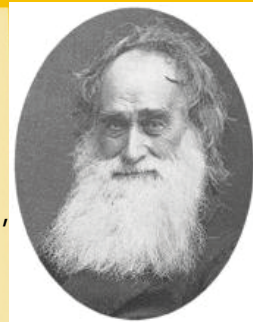
Keep an eye out for the next issue to learn more about Lott Cary and the great work that he did!



Go to: inburkinafaso.org/puzzle to find the answer

Following in their footsteps: Robert Moffat

Robert Moffat was born on December 21st, 1795 in Ormiston, Scotland. His parents were devout believers and started teaching Robert at a young age to love and serve his Savior. As he was walking down the road one day, he saw a sign for a missionary prayer meeting and decided to attend. This meeting changed his life. In 1817, he joined the London Missionary Society and went to South Africa.



But problems soon arose for young Robert. He was in love with Mary, the beautiful daughter of his employer. When he asked to marry her, her father refused. He said: "My wife and I have no objection to your marriage, if you will stay in this country; but we will never agree to our only daughter going to some uncivilized land where she would suffer many hardships and, more likely than not, die an early death." Heartbroken, Robert was forced to continue without her. However he was not alone because God was with him. He started out by studying the local language and soon set out for the interior. During their trip, he was invited to set up a church and school in the village of a chief well known for his evil ways and raids on nearby tribes and villages. After attending the services for several months, the chief accepted Christ. This totally changed the life of the chief and the entire village, which brought a lot of fame to Moffat and the work he was doing. Yet there was also a lot of stress, sickness, and hardship. In spite of all that, Robert kept himself encouraged in the Lord: "In my suffering I am cheered with this one recollection — that it is for Jesus' sake and the salvation of the heathen." When Robert returned to the city, he received great news! Mary's parents had decided to allow her to marry Robert and she was on a trip to join him. These two would go on to accomplish great things for Jesus-Christ!



NIGERIA

THE GIANT OF AFRICA

199,000,000 PEOPLE!



In Nigeria, they speak Pidgin. That's a funny name for a language, isn't it?
Try to decipher the phrases below (answers are on page 18)!

1 I wan chop



2 This food sweet well well →

3 No wahala



4 Listen well well



Kids in Nigeria are a lot like you! They like to play outside, eat candy, and watch TV. But, they haven't heard about Jesus! Can you imagine growing up and never hearing the name "Jesus"?



When you go to the store with your mom and dad, do you ride in the car? Well, in some parts of Nigeria, there aren't any roads! Instead, families take canoes to go buy groceries!

This picture is what a church in Nigeria looks like! Does your church look like that? Probably not. But, guess what! They are hearing the same preaching and learning the same things as you are.



We are Graham and Olivia Young and we are going to Nigeria to tell them about Jesus! Would you consider joining us when you grow up? We need help!

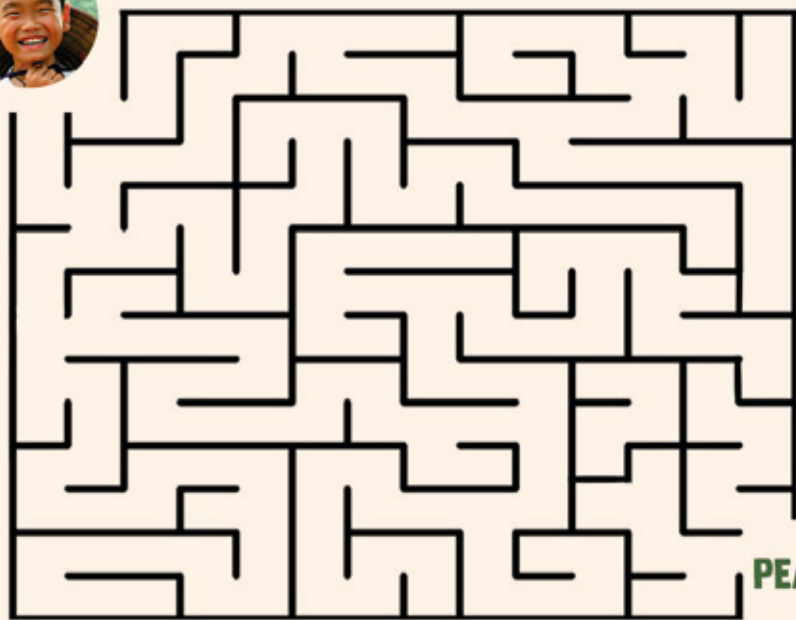
They speak Pidgin? Wait. I'm a pigeon. Do they sound like me? Squawk!



WILL YOU EVER MEET DAO?

Dao is 7 years old. He lives in Vietnam. When his mom makes him lunch, she usually makes something called “Pho”. It’s a lot like chicken noodle soup. Every day, when Dao walks to school, he sees the big pagoda.

What’s a pagoda? There’s a picture right there of what they look like. They are tall, red churches that teach people that they can find peace. But they don’t use the Bible. They don’t even believe in Jesus. They will never find peace. Can you help Dao find peace?





→ Did you find peace? How can Dao find peace in real life? Only if you help him. Only if you go to Vietnam and share the gospel with him. Without your help, he has no hope of escaping hell. He needs you!

Will you go? Would you be willing to fly to Vietnam and tell people about Jesus one day? People like Dao need you!

I'm Mark Tolson and I'm a missionary to Taiwan. Taiwan is very close to Vietnam! Look at those BIG HANDS holding that bridge. It's called "The Golden Bridge". Wouldn't it be cool to be a missionary to Vietnam and walk across that bridge every day?

You should pray about going there and telling Dao about Jesus.

Answers

- 1 I'm hungry
- 2 Delicious
- 3 No problem
- 4 Pay attention

THE GREAT WALL

"Are we...almost...there...yet?" Lulu was struggling to catch her breath as she, her mom, and a dozen or so other tourists climbed the path of the Great Wall.

The Great Wall of China is as beautiful as it is ancient and is recognized as the largest man-made object in the world. Lulu has been begging her mom for years to take her to go see it, but she's starting to realize that traveling the Great Wall is no walk in the park!

"We're nearly there, sweetie! It's only a few more steps. You won't believe the view from the very top!" her mom said reassuringly.

"I sure hope so...if these steps were any steeper, they would need to offer rock climbing lessons!"

"Hahaha! That's true!" said a foreign blonde-haired boy in the group. "Thankfully, this part is as hard as it gets. It's all flatter and easier from here."

As they stepped through the door into one of the many pagodas on the Wall, Lulu turned to talk to the boy, "Wow! Your Chinese is really good! What's your name? Have you been here before?"

"My name is David!" he said smiling. "I have been here before a few times, but I still remember the first time I visited. My legs were so tired that one of the them fell off. That's why I wear a fake leg!" he said, pulling up his pant leg.

Lulu stared at his metal and plastic leg with wide eyes. "Mom! I told you my legs would fall off!"

"They will not! Stop picking on her, David!" Another girl came up to Lulu and offered to shake her hand. "Hey! My name is Amy! David is my brother. He had to have his leg removed as a baby. He always tries to trick people with it!"

"Oh...that does make more sense." Lulu said sheepishly. "Anyway, it's nice to meet you both! Amy, your Chinese is really good, too! Where are you from?"

They were almost at the very top, and Lulu's mom was right. The view was breath-taking! "Our family is from America, but we've lived most of our lives here in China, so we grew up speaking Chinese." Amy responded. "Our family came to China to be missionaries," she continued, "so that they could teach the Bible and share the gospel."

Lulu was very confused. She thought to herself, "What's a missionary? What's a Bible? What is a gospel?" She had never heard those words before, but before she could ask any more questions she heard her mom call to her, "Lulu! Where are you? Come catch up with me so we can keep moving!"

Amy and David's parents weren't ready to keep going, so Lulu

had to say goodbye to her new friends.

They waved at each other as

Amy said, "I'll be praying for you, Lulu!"

HOW TO WRITE CHINESE 走 zǒu - WALK

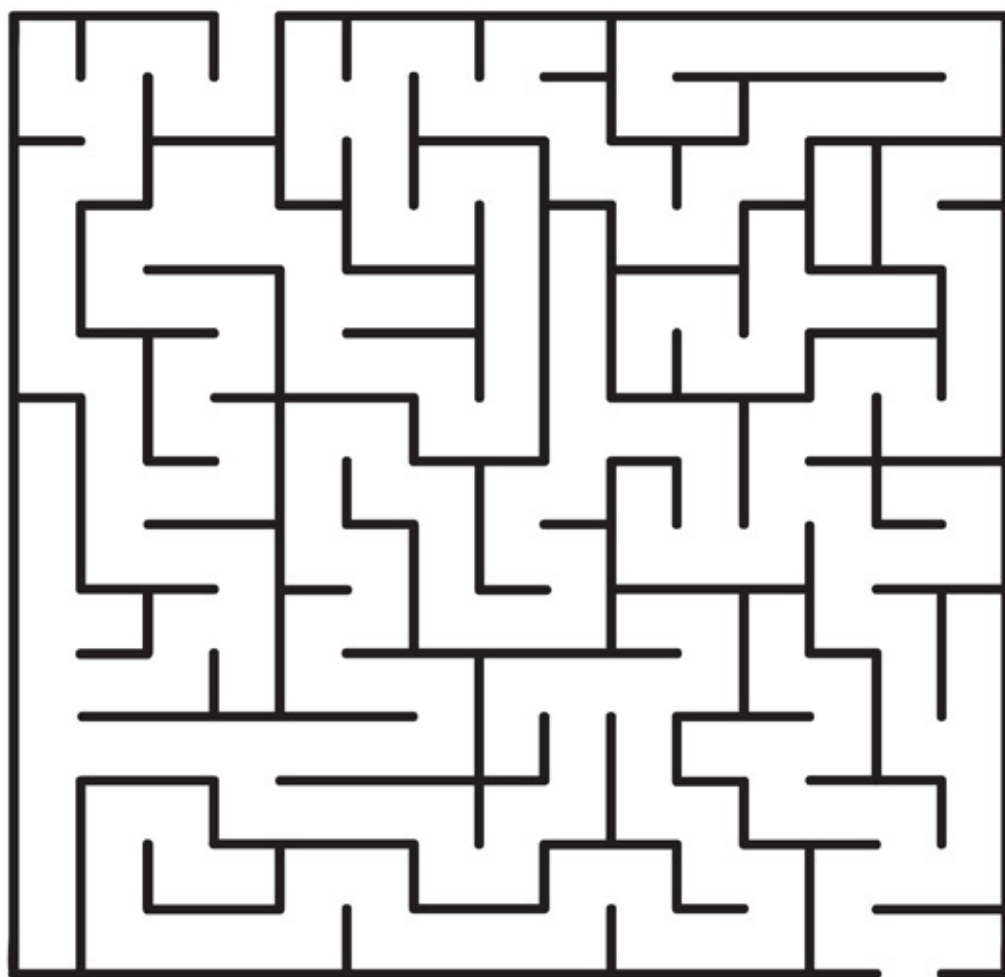


"THE JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES BEGINS WITH A SINGLE STEP."
- CHINESE PROVERB



Hey, everyone, it's Ping, here! Do you know what this Chinese proverb means? It's saying that even the longest journeys have to start somewhere. For Lulu, her hike up the Great Wall with her mom started a journey that will affect their eternity!

In the mean time, can you journey through the maze to reach the delicious picnic?



DID YOU KNOW?

That the Great Wall of China is 13,170 miles long? That's long enough to stretch from one end of the United States to the other almost five times!

PERU

ANCIENT PERU

Peru is known for the ancient civilization of the Inca Indians. In Peru, the Incas lived near the world's 2nd highest mountain range, the Andes. These mountains were so tall that the ancient Inca peoples worshipped them as gods!

Much like the ancient Incas, the people of Peru today are worshipping idols and false gods! They need to hear the truth of the Gospel so they can know the one true God as their Savior!!



PERU TRIVIA QUESTIONS

People in Peru use wool from animals to make clothes. What animals provide this wool?

Cuy is the Spanish name for this "pet" that is considered a delicious meal in Peru.

What is the name of the location of the Ancient Inca civilization?

Check your answers on the next page!

ABOUT ME



Capital: Lima

Language: Spanish,
Quechua

Currency: Nuevo Sol

Religion: Catholic

National Bird: Cotinga

National Animal:

Vicuña

Llamas come in all sorts of different colors, shapes, & sizes. Can you help us color in these llamas?



PERU

Would you pray for the people in Peru? Pray that the Lord would send more laborers so more people can be reached with the Gospel!!

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Llamas and alpacas are used for their soft, warm wool.
2. Guinea pigs can make a delicious meal!
3. Machu Picchu was home to the ancient Incas and is visited by many tourists in Peru today!





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