



## Golden Key ILC President Meets ProWorld in Peru

It started out for ILC President Cecilia Manrique as a research grant project on women in Latin America and Peru for a Women and Politics course and on Peruvian politics for a Contemporary Latin America course. For her husband Gabriel, a former Golden Key advisor and honorary member, it was a site visit for Travel Study programs for Winona State University. Both would learn about the activities of Golden Key's partner ProWorld where several Golden Key student members have engaged in study abroad and service learning programs in Peru, Belize and Mexico.

During the week's visit to Cuzco, Peru, Cecilia and Gabriel visited Mantay, a place which houses a program for pregnant girls and women ages 12 to 18. Mantay House allows the girls to stay with their child at the house where they learn to develop life skills that will be useful for their transition to the larger community. They also visited an elementary school on Health Care Day during which volunteer doctors and dentists together with their nursing student helpers take care of the health needs of the children as well as their parents and members of the community. Tests, dental extractions, OB-GYN care and pharmaceutical dispensation takes place.

Cecilia and Gabriel saw several other projects including ProWorld's kitchen "stoves" production and dispersal, the language immersion program, the women's cooperative project and ProWorld's cooperation with the Centro de Bartolome de Casas. In the end, Cecilia and Gabriel engaged in a morning of community service by helping paint the walls of a nursery school in Yucay (*see photo above*).



Based on such observations and experiences in Peru, Cecilia now has much to impart to students in her classes. She has also become familiar with the activities that Golden Key student members can undertake when they partner with ProWorld for study abroad opportunities.