

## ***Which Part of South America Should We Loan To:***

For this Kiva project, we're going to be loaning to entrepreneurs in South America. This is our next region of study in class, so it makes good sense for us to find loan opportunities in this part of the world.

While it means that we will be "ignoring" the rest of the world for the time being, think about how much more interesting our study of South America will be if we know something personal about the people living in that area.

***Before we can be responsible lenders, though, we need to know a few things about the current conditions in South American countries.*** Using websites like Infonation or the CIA World Factbook, fill out the table below to learn more about several of the countries of South America:

| <i>Criteria</i>                                       | <i>Brazil</i> | <i>Peru</i> | <i>Bolivia</i> | <i>Columbia</i> | <i>Paraguay</i> |
|---|---------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| GDP Per Capita<br><i>(US in 2009 = \$48,000)</i>      |               |             |                |                 |                 |
| Educational Expenditure                               |               |             |                |                 |                 |
| % of Population Undernourished                        |               |             |                |                 |                 |
| Population in 2025                                    |               |             |                |                 |                 |
| Number of Motor Vehicles                              |               |             |                |                 |                 |
| Number of Internet Users                              |               |             |                |                 |                 |
| Average Life Expectancy<br><i>(for women and men)</i> |               |             |                |                 |                 |
| Infant mortality rate                                 |               |             |                |                 |                 |

***Working in your small group, consider the following questions:***

- Based on the information that you collected, which country do you think we should concentrate on loaning our money to? Why?
- Is there any other information that you'd like to have before making a decision about where we should loan our money? Why would having that information help you to make a better decision?