

**February 25, 2019**

**Opening Thoughts from Dave** – “We are in this together” is a refrain embraced by Ugandan pastors and church leaders. Our prayer is that a similar outlook can be affirmed by new friends in Peru and Ecuador. A shared vision is required if there is any hope of developing indigenous pastoral training partnerships. These “on-the-ground partnerships” are not always easy to form, as there are separatist tendencies among denominations and power plays among pastors. As I travel to South America over the next two weeks, please pray that the Holy Spirit will break down any barrier which prohibits shaping of a Kingdom vision that encourages healthy leadership and unity among Christ’s people. Thanks for your partnership with us.



**Thanks to the J. Russell Foundation** which provided a \$14,500 grant for this year’s Ugandan Training of Trainers Project. The grant will cover costs for two full weeks of

specific training, visitation of trainers in the three regions of Uganda, and a final weekend in November when spouses and participants gather in Kampala for a November completion ceremony at Kampala Baptist Church. In addition, the grant helps with development of training materials and select travel expenses. The J. Russell Foundation has been behind this three-year project from its beginning and we are grateful for their support and commitment to pastoral training of Ugandan pastors and church leaders so they can effectively train others. **Give thanks with us for God’s provision through the Foundation.**

***New Opportunities in 2019***

In addition to our desire to help Peruvian and Ecuadorian church leaders cultivate a vision for continual pastoral training, we are in discussion with individuals who expressed a desire to participate in this ministry. **Pray with us as we seek to understand how the Lord might add partnership teachers as we move through this year.**

***Financial Update***

“Partnerships” 2019 budget is \$126,000, an increase of \$8,000 over last year. We are grateful for your support and as we move into March, we ask that you continue to pray for the Lord’s provision to meet all ministry expenses that are ahead. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

**2018 in Review** - Visit <http://partnershipsfortraining.org/2018-in-review/> and give thanks with us for the great privilege of being involved in God’s gracious work around the world.

***Specific Prayer Requests***

Pray for Saturday’s (March 2<sup>nd</sup>) meeting with potential pastoral training partners in Huánuco, Peru.

Pray for all the travel to be made over these two weeks (see the schedule listed above). Travel is always challenging and uncertain.

Pray for the several scheduled events at El Refugio and for preaching at a local church on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Pray for Dave’s trip to Peru and Ecuador as he seeks to encourage individuals desiring to train pastors in select regions of their countries.**

**February 26** – fly to Lima, Peru from Elmira, NY

**February 27** - arrive at 12:30 am in LIM. Later that morning fly to Huánuco, Peru

**February 28** – Time with Bible Translators David and Diana Weber in preparation March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with key pastoral leaders.

**March 1** – Meet with Felix who is the key person for developing pastoral training using the Quechua Bible

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>** meet with pastors and leaders to discuss the potential of pastoral training in rural villages

**March 3** - visit a village church with the Webers

**March 4** – Return flight from Huánuco to Lima

**March 5** - In Lima with Paul Lewis of SIL/Wycliffe

**March 6** – Fly to Quito, Ecuador and El Refugio

**March 7** – Meet with about 20 El Refugio discipleship leaders and staff for a study on “Discipleship Truths for Today”

**March 8 and 9** - talk with individuals about pastoral training in a separate region of Ecuador

**March 10** – Preach in a local church

**March 11**– Board 11:50 pm flight from Quito for trip home to Ithaca.