



# PARTNERSHIPS *for Training Pastors*

**March 19, 2019**



**Opening Thoughts from Dave** – Thanks for your prayers as I traveled to Peru and Ecuador. The journey included a wide variety of gatherings, conversations, and teaching opportunities. I am grateful for the “kingdom thinking” that is being pursued by many of these new friends. Their vision comes in spite of an inclination toward denominational and independent ministry focus. Keep praying that the Holy Spirit will break down these barriers so that healthy leaders and unity among Christ’s people will be foremost. Thank you for your continued prayer support as Joyce and I partner with those who have a heart for developing indigenous pastors and church leaders!



**Peru** is a combination of gentle people and majestic topography. From the coastline of Lima, the capital city with 11 million people, to the elevated villages in the Andes mountains, I was able to meet individuals who have a heart for training pastors. It was my privilege to spend time with David and Diana Weber in Huánuco, where they served for many years translating the Huallaga Quechua Bible. On March 2, the Webers hosted a gathering of key Huánuco church leaders to encourage outreach into local mountain communities in order to equip rural pastors for ministry. If future training is to be pursued, it will be done directly through a partnership of the Huánuco churches. **Pray for**

**these leaders as they consider making a commitment to work together to train and equip rural pastors to the glory of God.**

On Sunday, we visited a church high in the Andes and met the key persons responsible for steering the translation of Scripture into Huallaga Quechua. In the picture to the right, the older man in the yellow shirt offered significant input into the translation work and his son Felix (on left) also worked on the project. Felix and his wife have become leaders in literacy development within the Quechua community and now Felix is desiring to participate in the training of rural pastors. On the side of the mountain, as the clouds moved in, we prayed for the villages and churches in the valley below. **Join us in praying for these rural Quechua pastors as they lead people to Christ and teach God’s Word.**



**A Note of Thanks from Dr. Diana Weber of Language, Literacy, and Life:** “When I learned that the Quechua organization, *Pacha Waray*, had a vision for training rural pastors, I thought of Dave Jones’ “Partnerships For Training Pastors.” In early January 2019 I wrote to Dave seeking guidance on the process of training. Within a week I received written communication that proved foundational for *Pacha Waray’s* planning. Then, to our delight in March, Dave was able to come to Huánuco, Peru to meet



with *Pacha Waray* and denominational leaders. Dave shared his vision and its outworking in Africa and Asia and challenged the gathering to seek God’s vision for training for Huánuco. Those present were encouraged by the simple steps Dave provided as they consider the task. Although Dave’s visit was only four days, I believe that there will be changes that last for eternity. I thank you, the supporters of “Partnerships For Training Pastors”, for reaching to the four corners of the globe.”

**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

**Financial Update** - “Partnerships” 2019 budget is \$126,000, an increase of \$8,000 over last year. Please continue to pray for the Lord’s provision to meet all future ministry expenses.



**A Day in Lima, Peru**- Lima is a large city filled with many ministries that reach out to Peruvian people. Returning to Lima, I met with two new mission friends that have a heart for training pastors in indigenous areas. One spent time in Huánuco and the other is visiting Huánuco in the near future. Both are acquainted with Felix (see previous page) and are intending to contact him to see if they can be of help in any future training. Only the Lord could bring about a contact like this.

Also, Paul Lewis, one of my boyhood friends, was scheduled to teach a sociolinguistics course in Lima and he graciously moved up his travel arrangements so we could spend a day together (see above picture). Paul is an amazing scholar that God has used in many ways. He teaches and mentors those preparing for Bible translation work and was formerly co-editor of the *Ethnologue*, a catalogue of all known languages. It was so good to reconnect with Paul and see how God has worked in and through his life these past 50 + years.

### ***To Ecuador – Teaching, Conversations and Relationships***

At the invitation of Jim and Suzy Olsen, I flew to Quito and then traveled to the town of Calacali where *Hacienda El Refugio* is located. It was my privilege to provide staff training around the theme “Discipleship for Today”. On Sunday, Jim interpreted my sermon as I preached in the local Evangelical church and then enjoyed the fellowship of Venezuelan and Ecuadorian believers. With the crisis in Venezuela, church members are welcoming new Venezuelan refugees into their fellowship. Good stuff!



In addition, over several days, I met individually with three ministry leaders seeking to impact Quito and Ecuador through discipleship ministry. The conversations revealed a desire to develop emerging leaders and to impact the diverse cultural situations found in Ecuador. **Pray that the Lord would stir a similar desire in local church and ministry leaders to pursue new discipleship approaches required for today’s young adults.**



**Suzy Olsen highlighted my visit in her recent note to El Refugio supporters:** “Pastor Dave Jones arrived on March 6th. He was our Pastor when we attended Bethel Grove Bible Church in Ithaca, NY. He now travels around the world supporting Partnerships For Training Pastors. He offered a 3-hour bible training on the book of Ephesians to our El Refugio staff yesterday, which was a HUGE blessing for them. He was also able to meet with an Ecuadorian missionary, Ana Galindo, (in picture to left with Jim Olsen and me) who is one of El Refugio’s ministry partners. Among many other things, Ana has been helping run a Bible Institute for indigenous pastors and church workers in the jungle area where she lives and serves. We are hoping that Dave may be able to partner with her in the future to help offer training through the institute.”

### ***How you can pray for Partnerships during the remainder of March and April!***

- Pray for our partners in Uganda, Zambia, Haiti and Indonesia as they point people to the message of Jesus’ death and resurrection during Lent and Easter.
- Pray for Joyce and me as we study and prepare for our upcoming trip to Zambia in early May.
- Pray for additional ministry opportunities to consult and encourage the training of pastors by indigenous churches and pastors.

***Thank you for your prayers and support through this first quarter of 2019! We are grateful!***

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