

Thoughts from Dave: COVID has wreaked havoc on every nation across the globe. For Christ-followers, there is tremendous upheaval in the way church worship occurs and fellowship happens. It's no secret that the loss of family and friends is still being experienced in large numbers. All this requires constant assurance in the providence of God through the shepherding work of local pastors. Below are some wonderful illustrations of our partners' creativity. Thank you for your prayers and support of our partners and us as we navigate the changes required by this pandemic. We are grateful for God's wisdom each day.



Language Literacy and Life *An early August note and an updated report from Dr. Diana Weber of Language, Literacy and Life (LLL) shared details on the training of Quechua pastors. During Dave's 2019 visit to Peru, it was clear that LLL's passion for training Huallaga Quechua pastors was developing and our partnership was established. In 2021, Partnerships for Training Pastors budgeted and sent \$5,000 to assist in the creation of curriculum, radio broadcasts, and the training of these pastors. Join us in giving thanks for God's work among the Quechua!*

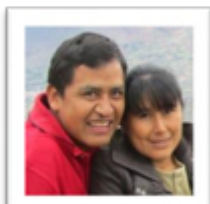
Dr. Diana's note - "Pastor Training in Huallaga Quechua is happening, but not like we had expected two years ago, nor even as we planned in January 2021. COVID still plagues Peru. The government has declared another health emergency until the end of September. The Pastor Training Team has not been able to go out to communities and hold meetings with more than ten participants. In light of that fact, Felix began doing individual training in the regional capital with one or two pastors at a time. Another strategy has



been to use your gifts to publish hard copies of the manuals and handouts, as well as use radio broadcasts to disseminate [training] information."

"Recently the team (Felix, Grover, Telmo with a pastor in picture to left) was able to go to a group of 10 pastors in the "high" country. The town of Ishanca is located at 13,500' above sea level. (The trip takes 3 hours by truck followed by a walk four or five hours from the end of the road). These pastors are committed to teach what they learned in their churches."

The following message comes from Felix and was written to Dr. Weber, who shared it with us to share with you. "I am delighted that fellow Christians have committed to supporting the training of Quechua leaders, as well as for other language groups. A leader and new pastor, Braulio Echegoya, had received personal training in the Quechua materials *Let's Teach* (YACHACHICUY) and recently wrote to me":



Felix and Humbelina

"Brother Felix, we received some materials in Spanish from our denominational supervisor, but we did not understand them because they were not in our Quechua language. But the materials you gave me are wonderful! Although for some pastors they are hard to read, [Diana: some pastors have only rudimentary reading levels] we understand it quickly and thus we can teach it effectively to our congregants. For me, the biblical studies in Quechua are a great blessing. I am also visiting other churches to share this material with them."

"When my supervisor saw how people are being blessed, he is giving me more opportunities to teach in other churches - using the Quechua materials and what I have learned from you."



I am delighted that fellow Christians have committed to supporting the training of Quechua leaders, as well as for other language groups.
Felix Cayco

"And the things you heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will be qualified to teach others." 2 Timothy 2:2 NIV

Thanks for your support and prayers as we serve Christ and his church with our global partners.



Prayer Points for Peru

- Give thanks for the faithful work of Felix and Humbelina, along with the entire Huallaga Quechua team, as they creatively teach and present God's Word.
- Ask God to build his church through radio broadcasts that reach high into Andes mountain communities.
- Pray for Peru as the nation continues to struggle with the pandemic

Uganda Updates

During a recent 8-week government lockdown, it was impossible for the Ugandan team to train pastors in person. Later, after large group meetings were restricted to no more than 20 people, Daudi Nkuggwa, Dennis Kawesse and Elisha Tumusiime, traveled to Oyam for a second tutorial on the use of previously purchased tablets. These three guys form a great training team. (Daudi is the Coordinator of Ugandan Pastoral Training, Dennis and Elisha are an essential part of our Training of Trainers (TOT) group).

Originally scheduled for June, last week's tutorial brought together the five pastors from the Oyam TOT group. The pandemic has emphasized the need to improve communication and provide virtual training among these pastoral leaders. While several in-country internet challenges still remain, these tablets are an important part of our future training strategy.

In addition, conversations centered around how ministry was going during these challenging times. Their responses included:



From left to right – Elisha, Sam, Francis, Thomas, Dennis, Nelson and Mike

- *Pastor Mike Nam said that one of their leaders tested positive with COVID and this panicked the church members. Some groups stopped meeting for a while. Thank God he recovered.*
- *The lockdown has greatly affected fellowship among the believers. During the second wave of COVID and lockdown, these pastors kept checking on their members and others in need.*
- *Their use of these tablets is critical to receiving good material for the study of God's Word.*

Prayer Points for Uganda

- Give thanks for these Oyam pastors who are shepherds and teachers of God's Word.
- Continue to pray for our Ugandan partners as they work through pandemic issues and plan for in-person training ministry to resume in a safe and productive way.

Final thoughts from Dave and Joyce- We hope you are encouraged by what God is doing through our partners! For us, as we move through September, please pray about the following: **1)** Our need for continued wisdom in the development of biblical training materials. **2)** Clarity as we plan for 2022 and beyond at our September 30th Accountability Group Meeting in Ithaca, NY. **3)** Strategic preparation for Dave's scheduled trip to Uganda on October 29- November 16. Thanks for standing with us!