



*Aschmann Action*

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*Merry Christmas!*

4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:4-5

### *God's Faithful Provision*

Rick: In our last newsletter we shared about our big change of plans, having to come to the U.S. on short notice for this school year. We also shared about God's provision of house sitters in just one day, which was so encouraging. But after we wrote that letter he continued arranging things as only he can, reminding us of his special care for us no matter what happens.

Besides house sitters our biggest concerns were for a place to live while we were in the U.S., and for a vehicle to drive to visit all our friends and supporters.

Betty's parents kindly invited us to live with them during the rest of 2011, while we visit our supporters in Nebraska and the Midwest, and that has worked out very well. But for the spring we will need to be living in the Southeast, to visit our many friends and supporters there, from late January through May. I wrote to the missions secretary at my home church in Birmingham and mentioned this need. She wrote and said that the church had a missions house, and that it would only be available from mid January through May!

The other need was for a vehicle. The last time we needed a vehicle for our Home Ministry Assignment we bought an inexpensive one using our savings, but after having two cars totaled in the course of a year, we really didn't have any savings left. Craig Pohl told us about two organizations that sometimes provide vehicles for missionaries. I went to their web sites, but in both cases it said that there were no vehicles available now. Even so, I wrote to one of them and explained our situation. They wrote back and said that they would be able to rent us a nice minivan for the entire year!

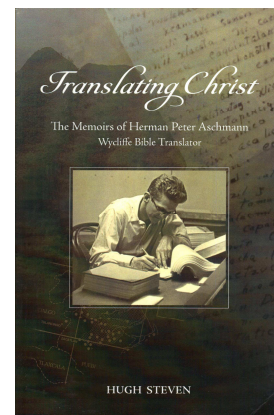
### *The Long Haul*

*(A special thank you for hanging in there with us)*

Betty: I was inspired recently by reading *Translating Christ*, the biography that just came out about the life of Herman Aschmann, Rick's dad. He was one of the first missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators. He went to the mission field in 1938 and translated the New Testament into three different Totonac Indian languages in Mexico. He faithfully served the Lord as a missionary in various capacities until shortly before his death in 2008. Talk about perseverance! It takes a lot for a missionary to get through training, support raising, and learning details about a language and culture even before he can get into a ministry. And then to stick with it through thick and thin proves that God called him to the mission field. And it's God who gave him a continued vision and ministry among the Totonac people of Mexico.

Of course, it wasn't all his doing. He had many friends, churches, and supporters that stuck with him and prayed him through many tough times. And his supporters can say that they invested in something eternal, reaching the Totonac Indians with God's word.

Herman's son Rick is very much like him. He also has been called of God to work among indigenous groups in minority languages. He also has perseverance. Rick has been on the mission field since 1979, through thick and thin. And his work helping translate the Bible into Quichua and the



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training of leaders among the Quichuas requires perseverance and lots of prayer. That's why we appreciate you so much. Thank you for joining with us in this ministry and investing in the eternal.

### Home Ministry Assignment and Support Situation

Our schedule for the spring has mostly filled up, but we still have a few Sundays available. If you would like us to visit, please let us know as soon as possible so we can fit you in.

God has encouraged us by providing additional support from a number of sources, for which we are very thankful. Even so, we are still lacking well over \$1,000 in monthly support. Please consider whether God may be calling you, your congregation or those you know to begin, renew or increase your financial support for our ministry in Ecuador. If you could pledge to give yearly or monthly, it would help us to return to our ministry in Ecuador as planned next summer. If you desire further information about supporting our ministry please contact us directly at **972-535-4356, 308-650-0537**, or [RASchmann@mtwsa.org](mailto:RASchmann@mtwsa.org).

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### Prayer & Praise

- Pray for our team members Craig and Stacy Pohl and Mike and Robin McMahan, as they transition from their work in Ecuador and seek God's leading on another field of service with MTW in Latin America. The reduced size of our mission team and staff in Ecuador will require some adjusting, but we are confident that the Lord will work out all the details.
- Continue praying for our needed monthly support. We are still planning to return to Ecuador next summer to continue with our ministry among the Quichuas.
- Pray for us in all of our travels visiting friends and supporters, for safe travels and the energy we will need. Pray also for Betty as she continues home schooling the children, a new experience this year, which thankfully is going very well, but is more challenging while we are travelling.



### Cultural Closeup

Betty: Merry Christmas from somewhere in the world where it is snowy...Wallace, Nebraska. We have seen some snow this year and at least have a chance of a white Christmas. The kids are looking forward to that and have already gotten sleds out this month. In Nebraska, there are no promises of a white Christmas, but the chances are much better than in Quito. We live on the equator there and even though we are in the mountains (9,300 feet high) and it's never really hot, a person has to go to a much higher elevation to see snow. There is a mountain right on the equator that is snowcapped all year. We can see it from Quito on a clear day. It's called *Cayambe* and it rises to about 19,000 feet above sea level.



*Cayambe*

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