

Aschmann Action

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- 1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber;
- 4 indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The LORD watches over you— the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- 6 the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life;
- 8 the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Psalm 121 NIV

Trip to the United States

Rick: This summer we travelled to the States again for 4 weeks, but this time it wasn't to visit our supporting churches and friends like the last two summers, but rather to visit family. We got to visit my daughter Heidi and her family in New York State for a week. We hadn't had the chance to see them for several years, and it was great to connect with them again and to really get to know our grandsons face to face instead of just on a computer screen. (We got to see James and his family at Christmas because he paid our way out to see them in Hawaii!)



With Betty's brother Larry Unruh



Visiting Betty's dad's grave with her mother Arlene Unruh



Visiting Heidi's family: daughter Anne, me, grandson Jay, son Nathan, grandson Isaac, daughter Heidi, son-in-law Jason

We also visited Betty's family in Nebraska. Thanks for praying for her brother Larry. He has made an almost complete recovery from his very serious car accident in December, and can now get around pretty well with just a cane. It was a busy time: we spent much of the time with Larry and his family going through the house where Betty's family had lived for 46 years, but which is now unoccupied. Lots of memories and emotions for all of us (our whole family lived there for about a year in 2012) and even antiques. The oldest thing we found was Betty's great-great-grandmother's wedding dress from 1886! It was a big job.

Bilingual New Testament

The bilingual New Testaments continue to be in demand, and we continue to sell them whenever we get the chance. Our plan is to save the money from the sales of the New Testaments in a special account which can eventually be used to help underwrite the costs of completing the Old Testament.



Segundo teaching the Bible lesson at one of our Sunday meetings

Prayer & Praise

- Please continue praying for our two Quichua Bible studies that are held on Sunday. Pray that many more will turn to the Lord in the evangelistic meeting, and for continued growth both in size and in Christian maturity for the ongoing group.
- Please pray that the audio recording of the Central Highland NIV New Testament may be done in the near future, and that work can continue soon on the Old Testament translation.
- Praise God that both Anne and Nathan have responded well to treatment for their health issues. Please continue praying that we will all remain healthy, especially Nathan, who continues to battle problems in his digestive tract.
- Praise the Lord that Betty's brother, Larry Unruh, is recovering very well from his serious car accident in December. He continues in therapy, but he is up and walking and back to work part time.
- Praise God that the reprinted bilingual New Testament is continuing to sell well and is a blessing to many.

Another thing we would love to have would be an audio recording of this New Testament on the Internet so that those Quichuas who do not read well could listen to it and feed upon God's Word that way. We have asked an organization that specializes in this to make the recording, and they are considering it. Please pray that this could happen soon.

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Cultural Closeup

Rick: On a clear day there are three beautiful snow-capped volcanos that can be seen from Quito: Cayambe, Antisana, and Cotopaxi. A couple of weeks ago on my regular walk up the mountain behind our house there wasn't a cloud in the sky, and I could see all three gleaming in the sunshine. Breathtaking! I was praising God for the beauty of his creation.

One day I asked Segundo, our Quichua coworker, if he was impressed by the beauty of the mountains when he saw them. He said, "No, the mountains don't affect me at all when I look at them." At first I was taken aback, but then I remembered that to the Quichuas mountains are not just pretty scenery: tradi-

tionally the mountains are an important part of the spirit world, and have their own personalities, almost like gods. It reminded me that in the Old Testament the Canaanites did their wicked pagan worship practices on the high places. So when Segundo said that,



Antisana seen from our house, the fourth highest in Ecuador, at 18,714 feet

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Because of the faithful support of so many of you, our account balance has remained strong over the last several years. This is in spite of the fact that we are still lacking about \$1500 per month in regular monthly pledges, but in God's providence this has been made up for by many one-time gifts. Thanks!

However, over the last several months our Mission to the World account balance has dropped to a **critically low** level. If God lays it on your heart to make a monthly, quarterly, or yearly pledge we would greatly appreciate it. Please prayerfully consider if you can support us or increase your support.

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he was saying, "The mountains can't do anything to me because I have God to protect me and empower me!"

Later I began to wonder how he interpreted Psalm 121, which talks about the mountains, and I asked him about it. "I think it means that God created the mountains and all of nature, but that our help comes from him, not from them." Yes! And as I read through the rest of that Psalm, I saw how it would have some additional implications for the Quichuas that it might not have for us. What a mighty God we serve!