

Aschmann Action

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²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹ And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." Acts 16:29-31 NIV

In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Luke 15:10 NIV

New brothers and sisters in Christ!

"What must I do to be saved?" the jailer asks in Acts 16:30, and Paul and Silas give the eternal answer! I have been teaching our [Pan de Vida](#) (Bread of Life) Quichua Bible study group out of Acts 16 lately, and just like the Philippian jailer and his family, 3 people have accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior in this last month, each one on a different Sunday! How exciting to see God touching lives and bringing people to himself. We are rejoicing along with the angels! Thanks for your prayers.

In December we were invited to a Quichua home in south Quito to hold a special Christmas meeting. It was a special time of rejoicing in the birth of God's son and his love outpoured to mankind.

And in February we held the very first men's breakfast for the Quichuas, teaching the men how to be good leaders in their families as husbands and fathers. It was a great time with about 6 guys.



Our special Christmas meeting included a delicious meal prepared by the Quichuas.

Partner With Us!

We are so excited about all the doors God is opening for us with the Quichua Indians here in Ecuador. However, to continue our work here we need new partners in the ministry.

We are lacking about \$2000 per month in regular monthly pledges. Please prayerfully consider if you can partner with us.

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The Coronavirus

The Ecuadorian government is hitting hard against the COVID-19 virus, just like many other countries. All meetings of more than 30 people are prohibited, including church services. All restaurants have been ordered closed. People are only allowed to go out for absolutely necessary activities, which basically means shopping for groceries and other necessities, health and safety concerns, and emergencies. Most people are not even allowed to go to work, except for essential services! These measures may be in place for at least 3 weeks. Hopefully they will serve to limit the spread of this disease. As I write this in mid-March, there have been 155 identified cases and 2 deaths, though obviously these figures change daily.

All international travel and most travel between cities has also been prohibited. One of our friends went to the U.S. for a family funeral, and now finds that he cannot return as planned.

Of course our only real security in this world is in God, as Psalm 91 so beautifully tells us.

Prayer & Praise

- Please continue praying for our Quichua Bible studies and for those God is bringing to himself through them.
- Please continue praying for the worldwide Coronavirus crisis. Please pray that we will be able to keep in touch with our Quichua friends in spite of not being able to meet together, and that we will be able to continue to encourage them through telephone calls and other contacts. Our English church is doing online services to keep everyone connected, but many of the Quichuas have limited access to the Internet.
- Praise God that the Old Testament translation is in the works for the Central Highland Quichua language. Please continue praying for this project, that it will progress well and that many will be blessed by it.

Old Testament Translation

January and February have been a time for laying the groundwork for the Old Testament translation project in the Central Highland Quichua language. Daniel has begun work on it, and Genesis is completed in rough draft. Rick is the editor and main consultant. We will be letting you know more about this wonderful opportunity as it gets going.



Cultural Closeup

My (Betty's) cousin Jodi and her husband Conrad came to visit us! What a fun and exciting time. Conrad, be-

ing a farmer, enjoyed our visit to our pastoral candidate Segundo's little farm. And compared to Nebraska farms, I mean little. They discussed farming in some detail and it was interesting to see how many Ecuadorians do not use fertilizer or crop rotation. Instead they plant other crops in with the corn to provide nutrients in the soil. Of course, they have very small plots and everything is done by hand... planting, watering, and harvesting. It wouldn't work very well on Nebraska's huge farms that are planted and harvested with machinery.



Segundo, Jodi, and Rick by Segundo's cornfield (photo by Conrad Nelson)

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Segundo's father-in-law, age 87, feeding his pigs, with his trained herding dog