

# Aschmann Action

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<sup>35</sup> And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:35-38

## Nathan is graduating!

We can't believe it. Our youngest is a senior in high school. Nathan will be moving to the U.S. in June to attend college. He wants to study physics and he's still narrowing down where he will go. Please pray for God's guidance and his transition to another culture.

## We are coming to visit this next year!

Since Nathan is graduating from Alliance Academy International in June, we will be taking a year-long Home Ministry Assignment later this year. We will be traveling throughout the U.S. from July 2023 to July 2024. Between Covid restrictions and school limitations it has been several years since we visited some of you, so we are glad we will be able to take the time to see many of you! Please let us know when you are holding your missions conference or when is the best opportunity to visit you. We are going to be working through our schedule in the next couple of months. The best way to contact us is with this email address: [betty@aschmann.net](mailto:betty@aschmann.net) (she keeps up with email better than I do). We are so looking forward to seeing you all!

## Bible Translation Projects

I am continuing to work as consultant for the Central Highland Quichua Old Testament translation project, as well as the for the Cofán Old Testament translation project, which are keeping me quite busy. I was asked if I could consider becoming consultant for a third Old Testament translation project in another Indigenous language, but I felt like it wouldn't be wise for me to take on one more thing in addition to my church-planting responsibilities. Please pray for more laborers for the harvest!



Our youngest is now six foot one!

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## Church Plant Developments

Please continue praying for our little church plant. As we mentioned in our last letter, it is really struggling right now, and we are mainly investing our time and energy into discipling a few key families.

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Our newsletters: [www.Aschmann.net/Rick/Newsletter](http://www.Aschmann.net/Rick/Newsletter).

However, God may be opening doors at a place we were working about 10 years ago. In some of our past letters (see particularly our [December, 2013](#) letter) we talked about the fact that Segundo and his wife Laura had been ministering to a fledgling congregation north of Quito in the village of Pigulca. However, when we returned to Ecuador in 2015, Segundo had become rather discouraged. The congregation had been reduced to mostly children, with the adults being unwilling to seriously follow the Lord. So he focused on a church plant with us here in Quito.

But during the Covid-19 pandemic, many people lost loved ones and were without work, and many of the adults in Pigulca were drawn to make a serious commitment. There appears to be more interest in starting a church. So please pray about what the Lord might want to do in the Pigulca community and congregation.

### *Prayer & Praise*

- Please pray for Nathan as he finishes up his senior year of high school. Pray that God will clearly guide him in his decision about where to attend college.
- Thank the Lord that Rick and our pastoral candidate, Segundo, were able to attend the General Assembly for Presbyterian churches in Colombia and surrounding countries in January. They were really encouraged.
- Please continue praying for our little church plant here in Quito, and for the possibility of establishing a congregation up north in Pigulca.
- Please pray as we plan our Home Ministry Assignment, starting in July of this year. Thank the Lord for several answers to prayer already about our year in the U.S. And please pray that God will provide house sitters and a dog sitter here in Quito.
- We thank the Lord that Daniel Sigla has been able to continue translating the Old Testament for the Central Highland Quichua language. He is now well into Ezra. He needs surgery, but it has been hard to get it scheduled in the health system here, so please pray for his continued health.



### *Cultural Closeup*

What happens when you live on a mountain during the rainy season?

Landslides. The surrounding countryside has many deep canyons and valleys, and unfortunately, there are many houses standing on the edge of a drop-off. These past two years have been exceptionally rainy and there have been sad stories regularly of houses falling down the mountainsides. Our house is on a somewhat steep slope, but we haven't had any problems with flooding and landslides. For one thing, it's paved quite a ways above us. For another, it's not a drop-off and the rain-water pours down the street, rather than coming into our house.



This bridge out in the eastern jungle collapsed in February.



Houses in danger