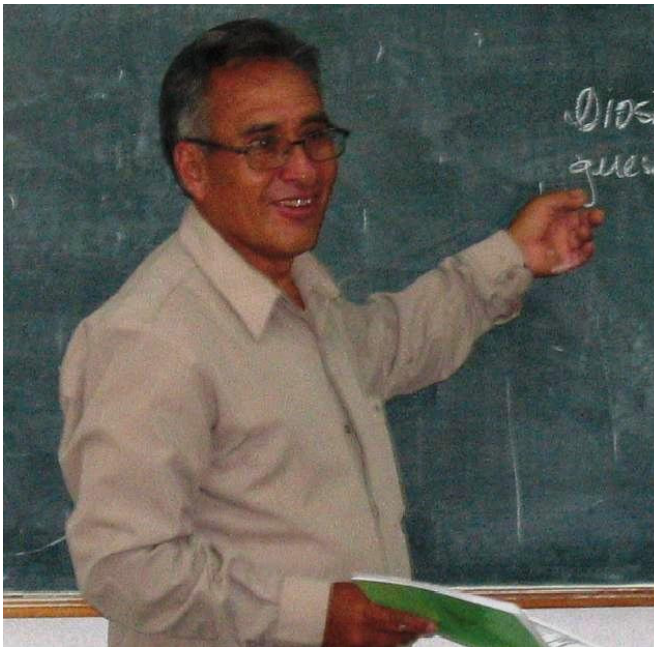


The Beans' Talk

Update from Mark and Patti Bean: Translating God's Word for Quechua speakers in central Peru

Changed Lives

We aren't in the business of Bible translation just to see God's word printed on a page. Our prayer has always been that once God's word became available in Quechua, that people would look to God and let him do what only he can do: change lives. It's so exciting to hear different ways that God is at work.



Felipe & the church anniversary

Felipe works with Mark daily. He's been doing so for about 17 years now. He is a humble man with formal education up to just fifth grade. But he has wrestled through every verse of the New Testament with Mark and now is working through the Old Testament.

Recently Felipe traveled up to the town of Margos feeling quite inadequate. He was to be one of the key speakers at the big church anniversary there. The church there is a "mother" church that has planted many

daughter churches in the surrounding villages, so this anniversary was no small occasion. People came from all over.

Felipe taught to a packed crowd Friday night. He concentrated on the basics: Christ's death and resurrection. Twenty people that night alone came forward to surrender their lives to Jesus. Others were convicted about getting right with God again.

God spoke mightily through Felipe. He ended up teaching in 4 of the 5 slots. By Sunday 35 people recognized their need for Jesus. It is exciting to see God using his word to change people's lives.

A New Church in Andas

A group of new believers from the village of Andas made their way to the anniversary celebration in Margos. Someone from the city who knows only Spanish had started the church there. Boy were they surprised to discover worship happening in Quechua! Preaching. Music. Prayer.

Just this past weekend Felipe and his entire church hiked up to Andas to help put on a three-day event with baptism, marriages, infant dedication, etc. Just about the whole village turned out, with everybody meeting on the village square. Thirty were baptized in the creek and also twenty two new decisions were made for Christ, including all the town officials. Felipe says he's never seen so much joy! A young man from Felipe's church will be returning to Andas to teach. Felipe has been mentoring and grooming him and others to teach in Quechua.

Praises:

- * God speaking to the hearts of Quechua men and women.
- * God using simple but sold-out-for-Jesus men like Felipe.
- * God helping Mark and the men at the 19th workshop to finish 1 Chronicles and get through Hosea chapter 9. Hosea is taking longer than planned, but they are learning a lot from its rich message.
- * God opening the door for Ernie to attend college this coming fall. He's been accepted to the three schools he's most interested in attending.

Prayers:

March 1 thru 10th We will both be in Wisconsin (and a bit of Minnesota) with stops in Indiana. Pray that we might encourage and challenge those Mark preaches to, and those we speak to in Sunday school classes, youth group, children's church, men's group, two different ladies' gatherings, and individually in homes. Pray for safe travels on the road as weather is notoriously fickle this time of year.

March 14th We will be speaking at Ron Kruger's missions prayer group in Cleveland.

March 12 thru 30th Pray for Emily as she teaches English as part of a small Jesus film team in central Asia. Pray that God would use this trip to sow seeds and draw people to himself.

Pray for preparations for the next OT workshop in April in Peru.

Pray for final decisions about where Ernie will go to college and what he'll do this summer.

Thank you for your faithful prayer support,

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