

The Beans'Talk: Update from Mark and Patti Bean

Translating God's Word for Quechua speakers in central Peru



A warm welcome

The nights were clear, star-filled and cold. Each morning the ground was covered with frost. But the frigid temperature didn't keep the believers from warmly welcoming all who trekked to Jarpo for their annual convention. The women's group passed out homespun wool socks to the pastors. Since the pair for Mark were more my size, I quickly put them on. What a cozy difference! Not such frozen toes after that.



Hungry for materials

The 50 storybooks for kids that we took were snatched up in no time. We also sold the 50 Quechua hymnbooks we had with us before the weekend was over.



Many adults discovered the New Testament in their language for the first time. We left extra copies with pastors to sell. A number of people also bought an audio copy of God's word & hymns to listen to on either a little player or on their cell phone.

On Sunday, the highlight of the gathering was believers' baptism. A shallow creek was dammed up ahead of time. Everyone hiked over and found seats on either side of the creek.

Eighteen people went under the water. It is a big decision no matter where you live to publicly follow Christ in baptism. But I am always extra impressed when watching Quechua baptisms.

First, the water is incredibly freezing. Don't let that sunshine fool you! But, even more impressive is the fact that virtually none of



those undergoing baptism has ever been submerged in water before. It is a very scary prospect.

It was such a special weekend. We met up with people we hadn't seen for nearly twenty years. Some reminded us of our children's antics when they were young.

Normally special speakers come from the city and teach in Spanish. Everyone was thankful for the times Mark taught, because he did it in Quechua. What a privilege to bring good news to those in the mountains of central Peru.

Praises and Prayer Requests

⇒ **September 13th** we travel a minimum of 10 hours to Huaraz in order set up for the next translation workshop which runs from September 15 thru October 3rd. **Pray** for the NT revision group as they finish up 1 Corinthians. **Pray** for the OT revision group as they continue recording Genesis and Exodus, checking and tweaking as they go. **Pray** also that our group won't leave behind any fleas! Unfortunately we discovered that happened the last time we were there.

⇒ **Pray:** for the safe delivery of another grandson due any day now—Ernie (our youngest) & Sarah's second child: Rilian Remy Bean.

Counting on your prayers!

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