

Huaylas Quechua Bible Dedication
Saturday, August 10, 2019
Huaraz, Peru

Info Bulletin #1

This information bulletin is designed for churches, families, and individuals interested in coming to Peru to attend the Huaylas Quechua Bible dedication this summer. The aim of bulletin #1 is to answer the *most basic questions about the dedication* so that people can decide if coming to Peru is within the realm of possibility. This will NOT answer every question, but more information will follow in a timely manner. Please feel free to pass this bulletin along to others who are interested.

1. **WHEN & WHERE?** Dedication events will take place in Huaraz, Peru on the weekend of August 9-11, 2019. The main dedication ceremony will be on Saturday, Aug. 10, with other activities planned for Friday and Sunday.
2. **HOW LONG should we stay?** An ideal trip would be 8 days long, including travel. We'll explain why below.
3. **HOW MUCH will this cost?** Besides airfare, the cost of an 8 day trip will be approximately \$1,000. This should be enough to cover all in-country expenses, such as transportation to and from Lima, lodging, meals, local transportation, a trip to a Quechua village and any tourist activities that are offered as part of the dedication weekend activities.
4. **Can our group go on a mission trek or another type of mission trip before or after the dedication?** Unfortunately, this will NOT be a good time for your church to plan a mission trip beyond just being present and helping with the dedication events. There is only one missionary family and a small team of Quechua colleagues who are involved in the summer mission treks, and all of them will be very busy planning the dedication. We will seek to have the international guests helping out as much as possible with the dedication, and will also plan time for you to meet and get to know our Quechua colleagues. If your team wants to plan extra tourist activities, such as a trip to Cusco, we can help you get in touch with reliable travel agencies.
5. **HOW MANY people can come on our team?** An ideal team would be 20 people or less. However, if your church wants to bring more people, we would ask that you make sure you have at least 2 team leaders who can keep track of your group as you walk around town and participate in activities.
6. **Can I come on my own without a group from a church?** YES! We will be reserving at least one entire hotel for the weekend, and will make sure that visitors who come on their own stay close in the same hotel with other dedication guests. Several of our guests will be Spanish speaking missionaries and/or people who have been in Huaraz before, and they will be available to help our international guests once you are in Huaraz.

7. WHY so many days? You will want to make sure your team is able to spend at least three full days in Huaraz, without having to travel on Friday or Sunday. We also like to give visitors an entire day to acclimatize to the 10,000 ft. altitude before doing anything major when they arrive. Most people usually spend their first day feeling very out-of-breath and experiencing mild headaches. It really wouldn't be ideal for their first day in Huaraz to be the Saturday dedication; that's why we've planned an "easy" event for guests on Friday. If your team can plan to arrive sometime on Thursday, that should give everyone enough time to rest and get used to the altitude before the main event.

8. WHAT would an 8 day schedule look like?

Wednesday, Aug. 7 – Fly to Lima, Peru. Stay overnight in Lima OR take overnight bus to Huaraz.

Thursday, Aug. 8 – Bus to Huaraz, enjoying Peruvian scenery on the way. This bus trip, going over a 13,000+ft. pass will help you acclimatize to the 10,000 ft. altitude in Huaraz. If you come up on a bus the night before, you can spend Thursday acclimatizing and getting to know the city of Huaraz. Those who already in Huaraz on Thursday can meet members of the ***Asociacion Alli Willaqui*** (AWI – the local Quechua mission). For those arriving on Thursday evening, we will arrange this meeting time on Friday.

Friday, Aug. 9 - Open house for international visitors - meet the Wycliffe missionaries, other partners, hear some local music, stories & testimonies, etc. Walking tours of Huaraz - see ruins older than Machu Picchu!

Saturday, Aug. 10 - Bible dedication

Sunday, Aug. 11 – English praise service for international guests, followed by trips to Quechua villages, and perhaps taking part in Quechua church services in the evening.

Monday, Aug. 12– Tourist options in the Callejon de Huaylas Valley

Tuesday, Aug. 13 – bus to Lima – head straight to airport to catch an overnight flight

Wednesday, Aug. 14 – Fly back to U.S.

More questions? We'll send more details in the next dedication bulletin.

Looking forward to seeing you in Peru,

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