

# RYDBECK RIPPLES

Sharing the living water.



*Enabling Communities to improve spiritual and physical health through Life-Giving Water*

## 50th Anniversary Celebration

We wish you could have joined us in August to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Miraflores Cochapamba church. Food, choral contests, competitive sports, worship and fellowship filled the week-long celebration.

Fifty-two years ago, the Kichwa people were liberated from servitude, granted citizenship, and given land. The freedom to make their own decisions marked the beginning of revival and eventually the start of many Kichwa churches. During this time, many Kichwa pastors and church leaders sacrificed their lives.

Twenty years ago, the Miraflores Cochapamba leaders requested help building a water system for the 114 homes in that community. Providentially, the Lord provided funds and helped us conquer extremely difficult technical, social, and legal issues. Crystal clean spring water flows at the rate of 14 gallons per minute from their spring to a spigot at each home.

Many of our Kichwa colleagues in *Kawsaypak Yaku* (life giving water), come from Miraflores Cochapamba. We are grateful for their partnership in this ministry.



*Juliana, one of our Kawsaypak Yaku colleagues, emceed some of the Miraflores Cochapamba celebration.*



*Two thousand people gathered in Miraflores for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their church to celebrate and worship the Lord.*

*(below) People gather for worship at the site of the original adobe home which hosted the first house church.*



Design work is underway for water systems including more than 1000 homes in the communities of Guantúl, Guayllabamba Santa Rosa, San Bernardo, Santiago de Quito, and Chañag Puelaso. Construction of the Sanancahuan water system resumes pending government approval of the design report. Spring protection begins in Chañag Puelaso and San Bernardo this month.





*Former engineering interns and donors in Michigan formed a Life Giving Water International technical resource team to help*

### Happenings

- We love to hear from you! **Please use the Ecuador address for personal mail.** As you may notice, newsletters are mailed from the USA rather than Ecuador to save postage. If you prefer to receive Rydbeck Ripples by email, please send us your email address. Rydbeck Ripples comes via Mail Chimp through [mail@lifegivingwaterinternational.org](mailto:mail@lifegivingwaterinternational.org)
- During 2016, six interns participated in the water project ministry in Ecuador. We are grateful for the opportunity to grow the international ministry vision of young water professionals.
- Latin American global workers in *Corrientes* participated in a workshop for maintaining spiritual and emotional health which Cherith led in November.
- We traveled 6 weeks in the US for a *Life Giving Water International* board meeting and to share in churches, homes, and at Calvin College. We also visited our children and their families.
- In October, we participated in the ACCORD Network conference of Christian organizations implementing relief and community development ministry.



*We visited Joel (our oldest son) & Rachael and their children Zoey & Soren.*



*Bruce & Cherith with our son, Caleb & Christina and their daughters Madison and Riley*

***May you experience a blessed Thanksgiving and an ever increasing sense of God's Presence this Christmas season.***

***Bruce & Cherith***

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\$10,000 additional funding needed for the Sanancahuan project • \$5000 for design work

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