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

"With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." Isaiah 12:3

Achullay Celebrates Completion of Water System

By Dave Ripper

There is nothing like seeing a community celebrate the completion of a life-giving water project. People feel empowered. Dignity is instilled. And celebration cannot be stopped. It is the overflow of a cup brimming with blessing.

On a return trip to the Andean village of Achullay in Ecuador, I was privileged to take in the celebration of this community's water inauguration first-hand. First, we remembered. The community made the kilometer-long trek downhill and then up again to reenact the former way they used to acquire their daily water supply. This time hauling water back up was not necessary. Secondly, we gave thanks. The Achullay people praised God and expressed gratitude to the **Life-Giving Water International** Team for their partnership in this work. Somehow everyone outdid one another in showing honor.



Dave Ripper and Craig Miller, LGWI board members, received ponchos and an etched glass plaque expressing the community's appreciation to Life Giving Water Int'l.



(top) Achullay women invited Cherith to sing with them and dressed her appropriately. (Bottom) A woman in Sananchuan still carries water over the mountains. They plan to begin building their water system later this year.

Thirdly, we feasted on the local fare celebrating their accomplishment and the Lord's providence. Bring on the salt! You can only imagine. Lastly, we worshipped. The good work God began through this people three years ago has now been brought to completion. That's more than enough reason to sing - for nearly three hours!

There's nothing in the world like a water inauguration. There's nothing like the privilege God gives to ordinary people like us to be allowed to participate in His work. And there's nothing and no one quite like the great giver of **Living Water**, Jesus, our great God! To Him be the glory!



Four Calvin College engineering students came to Ecuador for a week in January to work on the design of the Santiago de Quito water system for their senior engineering project.

Happenings

- We love to hear from you. Please use the email and snail mail addresses below.
- In January, Bruce presented a paper on innovative reservoir design for rural areas at the IPWE conference in Sri Lanka, and interacted with Iranian and Moroccan friends we met at previous conferences.
- Five young Latin American professionals from three countries are preparing for three months through **Corrientes** (a Reach Beyond ministry) to serve as global volunteers in difficult places. Cherith meets weekly with one woman for spiritual mentoring. She also led a seminar on Inner Healing and meets with participants for follow-up.
- Two weekends this winter Bruce attended a course on water system design given by Ecuadorian government to better understand their requirements.
- We look forward to receiving and training six interns this summer and fall.

Water Supply Challenges

Life Giving Water International, alongside **Kawsaypak Yaku**, helps communities conquer technical and other issues to provide a sustaining supply of potable water. This requires prayer, persistence and perspiration! **Santiago de Quito**, a group of communities with 400 families, needs technical help to build internal unity around a strong design so that they can secure materials needed to build their water system.

Sanancahuan Grande, a community of 120 families, needs an economical water system design to obtain limited government funds. **Encalado** requires technical help and encouragement as they sort through misunderstandings on water rights between communities. **Castug Tungurahuilla** needs technical assistance to design and install practical chlorine water disinfection. The determination and resourcefulness of these communities and the Lord's faithfulness continue to inspire us.

Together with **Kawsaypak Yaku**, our Ecuadorian partner, we provide follow-up in 20 communities, helping them to model the benefits of improved health and clean water. A steady stream of communities come to our office in Riobamba asking for advice and help for their water systems. It is our pleasure to pray and serve them in Jesus' name.

(Right) While at the IPWE conference in Sri Lanka, Iranian friends invited Bruce to tour the city of Colombo.



We are grateful for each of you who partner with us in providing Life Giving, accessible, clean water to needy communities.

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\$26,000 additional funding needed for the Sanancahuan project • \$500 for electrical tools

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