

Spring 2018

Bruce & Cherith Rydbeck

RYDBECK RIPPLES

Sharing the living water.



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

*See the streams of **living waters**, Springing from eternal love, ... Who can faint, when such a river Ever flows their thirst t' assuage?*

Hymn—Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken, John Newton

Ministry Update

Rejoice with us that last year, 925 families received clean water at their home! Additionally, six students and interns learned about Christ-centered sustainable community development as they served with us.

The community of Sanancahuan Grande, which completed their water system at the end of 2017, held a dedication celebration in February 2018. They had requested help at the end of 2015. After more than two years, waiting for government approvals, intense design work, protecting difficult spring areas, digging more than 6 miles of pipe trench, and building reservoir structures on difficult mountainsides, clean water flows to all 120 homes. Life Giving Water International donors provided about half of the materials. The community and municipal government provided the remaining materials.



(above) A woman in the community of El Rosario Guayllabamba, thanks Bruce & Cherith who stand by her metered spigot on the white pedestal. The ninety five families in that community began receiving clean water in early 2017.



*(left) Our son Caleb, a supporter of this ministry, second from right, came from the US to attend the Sanancahuan celebration. During the event, the women dressed Cherith in two complete outfits over the one she wore! Efrain, the national director of **Kawsaypak Yaku**, sits on the far right.*



(left) Hundreds of people gathered in the community of Sanancahuan Grande for the all-day celebration dedicating their water system. The mayor of Guamote and his wife participated.



The 100 families in Achullay are building a new cistern to correct pumping problems caused to their well by the April 2016 earthquake..

Happenings

•The UN declares March 22nd, as **WORLD WATER DAY**. We encourage you to celebrate by recognizing the importance of convenient clean water and effective wastewater treatment which you enjoy, by making a donation to Life Giving Water International for families who do not have those luxuries. Donation information is below.

•Cherith is scheduled for surgery to have her right knee replaced at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, MA on March 12. We appreciate your prayer.



Cherith met with these women leaders for prayer and counseling during the seminars which she led in Cali, Colombia. .



A team of 12 Calvin College students and three professors came to Ecuador for a three-week interim course in January, to learn about Ecuadorian rural water systems, water resources, water infrastructure, and culture. Kawsaypak Yaku and Life Giving Water International hosted the course which began with several days in the community of Galtes, helping protect their springs.



Bruce and the Calvin College team worked alongside the Galtes communities to initiate the spring protection.

Thank you for making a difference in these communities through accessible clean water. We are grateful for the privilege of serving in the name of Jesus.

***Thankful and blessed,
Bruce & Cherith***



We spent Christmas holidays with our grandchildren, Zoey and Soren and their parents, Joel & Rachael who live in Santiago, Chile.

Since 1980, Bruce & Cherith serve as mission volunteers. Bruce provides civil engineering and leadership. Cherith counsels, disciples, and teaches seminars. Currently living in Ecuador, they work alongside **Kawsaypak Yaku**, a Kichwa Christian mission, helping rural communities to successfully build, improve, and maintain a potable water supply.

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Send Project Donations to:

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Volunteers and interns needed to help implement projects and build media communications
\$120 per home needed for 583 families in Galtes regional water system project • \$250 for a new GPS
Online donations can be made at www.lgwi.org Donations are tax deductible.