

RYDBECK RIPPLES

Sharing the living water.



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

Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

Jesus

Look What Our Neighbors Have!

When the people in the communities of Ainche and Ulpan saw their neighbors in El Rosario enjoying crystal clear water from their new water system, they insisted that **Kawsaypak Yaku**, our partner ministry, help them. For 30 years, they struggled with mud, sand, and debris in their water whenever it rained. All attempts to improve water quality, building settling ponds, and large slow-sand filters, failed to solve this problem. What could they do?

In one week, our team helped Ainche and Ulpan protect their springs, so they could finally enjoy clean water! This success prompted them to request help improving other aspects of the water system. For the past several months, the people worked hard building six new reservoirs, installing six miles of pipe and metered connections for each home.

A ministry team worked alongside the community in July and held a VBS event for the children. Hundreds of people attended a showing of *The Emmaus Road*, a DVD of Jesus' life. We know that physical health and spiritual health go hand in hand. **The Life-Giving Water ministry is not just about accessible clean water for optimal physical health, but also about bringing the Presence of our Lord into each community.**



(above) Ulpan and Ainche community members built the reservoirs and installed the pipe with Kawsaypak Yaku and LGWI supervision.

What Else is Going On?

Right now, work continues for a dozen communities. San Bartolo dedicates their new water system in August with the visit of R- Athletics ministry team. Galtes awaits final approval from the government to receive some of the funds for their large project, providing 583 families with accessible clean water. Construction of the Pancun water system moves ahead. Life Giving Water International summer interns designed water systems for the communities of San Vicente, San Jacinto and Maria Guadalupe. Rural chlorination disinfection studies continue with *Calvin College Clean Water Institute*. Ministry teams and LGWI interns provided six VBS events this year.

Team members, Julia Henrich and Samantha Visscher offer participatory learning classes in health, nutrition, and hygiene in communities.



Jose and Efrain, Kawsaypak Yaku staff, review one of the completed 5 m³ reservoirs. Efrain directs the Kawsaypak Yaku ministry.

Happenings

- We have the privilege of sponsoring five Iranian friends in their commitment to follow Jesus through baptism in our church here in Quito. These young people immigrated to Ecuador, leaving family, homes, and possessions to avoid persecution. Please pray for them as they grow in Christian faith, learn Spanish, and seek employment once their paperwork is cleared.

- Thank you to many of you who provided housing, meals, and TLC for Cherith last spring after her second knee replacement. She now enjoys walking and biking without pain.

- In June, we celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary and in August, Bruce celebrates his 70th birthday. Is he retiring? Not yet!

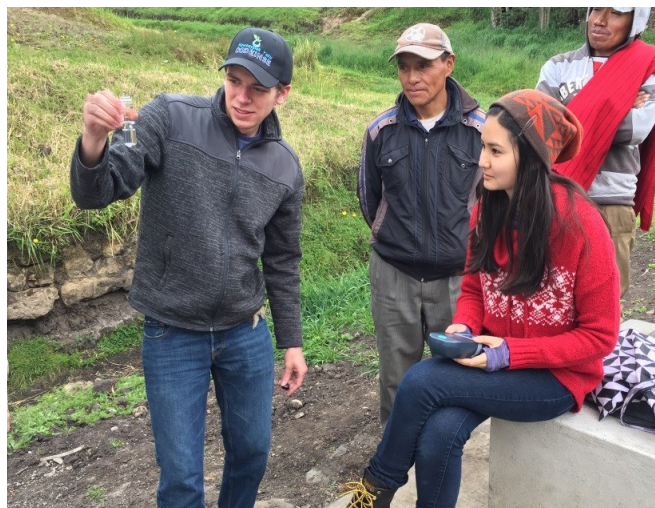
- Four capable engineering interns, Sarah Bradley, a Calvin College graduate; Joel Lederfind, Liberty University; Sarah Butts, Worcester Poly Tech; and Zach Ashenfelter, Calvin College; served alongside us for two months, learning more about Christ-centered sustainable community development.

- Life Giving Water International has been accepted by Amazon. Purchases made through **Smile.Amazon** will provide a small contribution to LGWI. Donations to LGWI can be initiated by logging in via **Smile.Amazon** and choosing LGWI as your charity of choice.

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***

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.



(above) Zach and Sarah, LGWI summer interns measure chlorine levels with Manuel, the water system operator in Achullay.



In May, a Calvin College Engineering Unlimited team helped study additional water sources for Galtes community water system. LGWI partners, Mitchel and Julie Feria led the team.

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