

Fall 2019

Bruce & Cherith Rydbeck

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Sharing the living water.



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

*"As gospel people we must believe, live, and communicate all that makes the gospel staggeringly comprehensive good news."
Dr. Christopher Wright*

Galtes Community Water System Advances

Galtes community leaders requested help designing and building their water system more than two years ago. Design, government approval and procurement of pipe provided by the Ecuadorian government took two years. The community started building the water system in June. The people are digging most of the four-foot deep pipe trench by hand over difficult Andean mountainside at an altitude of 11,000 to 12,000 feet. Already, most of the 52 tanks and reservoirs are complete and a large percentage of the 80 kilometers (50 miles) of pipe installed. When complete, each of the 582 homes will receive clean spring water.

Work resumes in Yacupamba and San Jacinto later this fall. Design work continues for other community water systems to be implemented next year.



In August, a ministry team from R-Athletics in Grand Rapids, Michigan, encouraged the people in Galtes. We worked mornings on the water system with the community in the bitter cold. Notice the snow and glacier in the background. We held Vacation Bible school in the afternoons. The children loved the handicrafts, songs, and activities. A video of their trip can be viewed on youtube at <https://youtu.be/BpgjmvagJlo>



The children made paper crowns reminding them that they are children of the King of kings.

John & Rachel Rydbeck, Bruce's nephew and his wife, owners of R-Athletics and LGWI donors, led the ministry team. They recently joined the LGWI board.

Some of the girls came to VBS classes with younger siblings on their backs.



Happenings

•Bruce & Cherith relocated to Bonita Springs, FL, in July. Our vision is to continue growing the international ministry of Life Giving Water International, representing the ministry in the US, consulting, recruiting staff, and building relationships with universities. Bruce returns frequently to Ecuador to advise, meet with staff, and host ministry teams.

•In October, Bruce and Cesar Cortez, another LGWI staff engineer, ride the Great Allegheny Passage, a 150-mile bike ride in PA, with Mike Roon, a long-time friend. Mike has raised thousands of dollars for water system projects.

•We look forward to again hosting a Calvin College interim course, "Water and Ecuador" January 2020. This unique opportunity enables us to give students a vision of using their technical skills in ministry.



Bible study group ladies invited Cherith to a special celebration. We feel greatly privileged and grateful for the many Ecuadorian and international friends who have been part of our lives and ministry during the 39 years we based our home in Ecuador.



Leidy Yepes, a Colombian water engineer recently joined our team to further prepare for serving in ministry. She leads health and hygiene classes, helping communities take full advantage of the benefits of clean water; advises communities with chlorine disinfection; and teaches job safety. Her enthusiasm for this ministry inspires us all.



Braulio Moroch, son of Efrain, the Ecuadorian director of the Kawsaypak Yaku ministry, graduated in civil engineering. Braulio serves as project engineer for the Galtes water system and has designed a number of water systems.

Thank you to those who pray and give to make Life Giving Water a reality in these communities.

***Gratefully,
Bruce & Cherith***

Since 1980, Bruce and Cherith serve as mission volunteers. As director for **Life Giving Water International**, Bruce prepares others for international service in Christ-centered sustainable community development water ministry. They continue to advise and support the ministry of **Kawsaypak Yaku**, a Kichwa Christian mission in Ecuador, helping rural communities to successfully build, improve, and maintain a potable water supply. Cherith serves as an educational consultant for LGWI; counsels; and teaches seminars.

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\$300 per home needed to implement the Yacupamba water system serving 75 families

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