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

Pass on what you heard from me ... to reliable leaders who are competent to teach others. 2 Timothy 2:2—The Message

Engineering Interns Join in Ministry

Preparing others in Christ-centered community development water ministry forms a key part of the Life Giving Water vision. Three engineering students serve and learn in Ecuador this summer. In addition to participating in design work, problem solving, and project implementation they are growing their ministry and technical skills. Bruce and other staff host them and help them better understand the Biblical basis for community development water ministry with long-lasting benefits.



Mary, a civil engineering student at George Fox University comments on working in communities, *The people we have had the pleasure of working with have been so incredibly thankful and enthusiastic. Everyone is so willing to help out wherever they can; and they are always quick to serve us with whatever we need. When they serve us meals, my plate has been full enough for three people!*

Especially as an intern, ... this type of treatment has been humbling and has given me a better picture of how truly significant this work is.

Jacob, a bio-medical engineering student at Messiah College reflects, *I think that the most important part of the projects is the requirement for community involvement and participation in the work. By asking the community to be involved, LGWI and CODEINSE (Kawsaypak Yaku) ensure that the community members see the entire system while it's being constructed and better understand it for future maintenance and operation. It also increases the value of the system in the eyes of the community, since it's something that they themselves built and worked for. So they're more motivated to maintain the system for the long-term.*

I really enjoyed the spring protection project in Azama. ... it was great to see the process of protecting water sources. I also thoroughly enjoyed the week that I spent in Hospital Shell working in the laboratory and exploring the town of Shell.



Michael and Mary assist with a topographic survey of San Isidro de Chipo. Chris (in the background) coaches them in the use of the survey instrument.





Michael, a George Fox University civil engineering senior observes, that relationships between staff and community members are unique.

The interactions are like nothing I have ever seen. They are business-related in the sense that discussions and arguments will be held in order to satisfy not only the community as a whole, but each individual is heard when they have something to say. I have witnessed heated discussions back and forth between Spanish and Quichua. By the end of it, a next step has been proposed that everyone is comfortable with, and it always ends in gratitude and friendship from both sides. The staff and community members have tremendous respect for each other and this allows for honest, open discussion.

Happenings

- Design of water systems for Azama and San Isidro de Chipo are in process. Additional spring protection work and the Tambillo Milacruz water system will be initiated this summer.
- The water system improvements for the 45 families in Chacapamba were completed in June with the exception of pump installations, which were held up until July due to a COVID quarantine.
- In July, Life Giving Water receives a team of three professors and four students in Ecuador to continue research and studies being done by the Clean Water Institute of Calvin University on rural water systems.

Mary, Jacob, and Michael have enjoyed experiencing Ecuador on weekends and swimming under this picturesque jungle waterfall.



Bruce took a Saturday hike with the interns up to 16,740 ft. elevation on Mt. Chimborazo.



The interns worked shoulder to shoulder in water and mud with the community of Azama on a "minga" work bee to protect their spring.



Your prayer and giving make this ministry possible. Thank You!

Bruce & Cherith

Since 1980, Bruce and Cherith serve as mission volunteers. As director of *Life Giving Water International*, Bruce prepares others to serve in Christ-centered sustainable community development water ministry. They advise and support the ministry of *Kawsaypak Yaku*, a Kichwa Christian ministry in Ecuador, helping rural communities to successfully design, build, improve, and maintain potable water supplies. Cherith serves Life Giving Water in various roles - praying, counseling, teaching seminars and educational consulting.

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\$400 per home is needed to build the Santacruz water system.

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