

RYDBECK RIPPLES

Sharing the living water.



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

As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for God, the living God.

Psalms 42:1-2

People thirst, not only for water, but also for fellowship with God. **How do Life Giving Water International staff respond to spiritual thirst while enabling communities to build water systems?**

Significant spiritual interaction happens in communities we serve through individual encounters, children's activities, hygiene classes, and programs for adults. Communities often invite us to share about **Life Giving Water**, God's promised Holy Spirit. The building of each community water system becomes a journey of faith as we trust God to guide and provide needed resources.

We desire that the Jesus' presence be reflected in our lives wherever we are. A tool which we find helpful as we interact, is to encourage people to feed their souls with God's Word by using a Bible cell phone app. During our recent trip to Ecuador, many friends, taxi drivers, and store clerks responded eagerly to using this resource.

Cherith loved being reunited with friends in Quito. She mentored, prayed with, and encouraged them. Women whom she continues to disciple long distance, invited her to lead a Bible study while there.

On our January trip to Ecuador, Ecuadorian and Chilean friends shared lunch and fellowship with Cherith.



Life Giving Water International missionary staff met for prayer, Bible study, and fellowship during Bruce & Cherith's trip to Ecuador in January. The Visscher's hosted us in their home. (l to r) Cesar Cortez, Chris & Samantha Visscher, Bruce & Cherith, Leidy Marin, and Pia Ohlwein. (Front row) Benjamin and Jacob Visscher. Nancy Cortez could not be present.



Leidy Marin and Samantha Visscher (not pictured) incorporate Biblical teaching into community hygiene classes.

Happenings

- The 73 families in the community of San Isidro de Chipó anticipate finishing their water system to provide clean spring water 24/7 at each home in April.
- The 80 families of the Tambillo-Milacruz communities also work hard to complete their water system soon.



Braulio, an Ecuadorian civil engineer who does engineering work for the water ministry, completed a master's degree in theology & leadership. His father, Efrain, leads the water project ministry and pastors a church. His mother Simona, also teaches Bible.



Children in communities without an adequate water system begin carrying water at a young age. Globally, an estimated 1000 children die every day due to diarrhea. Clean water accessible 24/7 protects them from water transmitted diseases.



(above) Our field technicians prepare for the concrete base for one of the two reservoirs in San Isidro.

(below) A Calvin University engineering student team hosted by LGWI staff, held a VBS event for children in San Isidro in February and worked on a design project.



You make a difference through your prayer and giving.

***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* - praying, counseling, teaching seminars and educational consulting.

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Volunteers and interns are needed to help design & implement projects and prepare media communications.

\$400 per home is needed to build the San Antonio de Quito system.

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