

Andean Adventures

a journey with the Hettinga family in Cusco, Peru

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Adventures...as many of you know, we are a family that loves a good adventure. Whether it is mountain biking on the windy foot trails that cover the Andes or backpacking to camp among some remote Inca ruins, we love adventure. In this newsletter we want you to feel a part of the big adventure on which God has led us. As is true of any good adventure, one usually does not know what is around the next corner. This seems to be the story of our lives. However, adventures are not safe nor are they easy. By nature, an adventure must involve some level of danger and risk. The apostle Paul comes to mind when I think of a great adventurer.

Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers. I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. (2 Corinthians 11:25-27 NIV)

I can't say that we have been flogged or adrift at sea for days. But God continues to guide us down new paths and challenges us to trust Him in new ways. Let me fill you in on one of these new adventures.

Sharing our experiences in Peru with others

Imagine that you have grown up speaking a language that most people in your country cannot understand. You also cannot speak the national language of your country. There is a barrier that prevents you from speaking with almost everyone. People end up treating you like you are somehow less important, or they ignore you since they do not know how to interact with you. To top it off, you have always struggled to grow in your relationship with God since you have never been able to read God's Word in a language that speaks to your heart. Others simply assume that you can read and understand perfectly the national language, even if you don't speak it. Well, this is what it is like for most deaf people.

Let me introduce you to Brenno (above). His language is Libras (Brazilian sign language). Brenno has a vision to make God's Word available to his 6,000,000 fellow Libras speakers. He recently attended a workshop that I led in Paraguay. During the *Results Based Management** workshop, Brenno and his teammate/interpreter, Flavio, were able to develop a long-term strategic plan. Their project aims to achieve the following impact:

The Brazilian deaf community is reached and transformed by the salvation of Jesus Christ and is using its gifts and talents to its maximum potential because it has the Word of God in Libras.

What a vision! Brenno and Flavio are two men that God is using to reach one of the largest Bibleless peoples in the world. Please join with them on this adventure by praying that they will be able to make this plan a reality.

During this workshop I also helped 4 other organizations, from Chile, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay, develop long-term plans. This type of work is a new adventure for me. The workshop was done in Spanish, Portuguese and Libras; a true linguistic adventure!

**Results Based Management is a project planning and management model that focuses on results, rather than activities. It begins with the desired end in mind and then asks the question, "What do you need to do to reach the desired end?"*



Come and join us on this adventure

ad-ven-ture (əd-vénchər)
n.

1. A bold undertaking or enterprise of a hazardous nature
2. An unusual or exciting experience
3. Participation in hazardous or exciting experiences
4. A financial speculation or business venture

Top 13 reasons why you should join this adventure

- 'cuz you wanna change the world
- 'cuz you have something to contribute
- 'cuz you don't wanna be a couch potato Christian
- 'cuz you believe in what we are doing
- 'cuz 2,393 language groups still do not have a single verse of the Bible
- 'cuz 200 million people do not have a single verse of the Bible in their language
- 'cuz you believe that "the harvest is ripe yet the workers are few"
- 'cuz you wanna be a faithful steward
- 'cuz you know God's Word transforms lives
- 'cuz you can pray
- 'cuz you can send money
- 'cuz you can go
- 'cuz God-honouring adventure is in your blood

Top 3 ways to join the adventure

Thank you to those of you who are already an active part of this adventure team.

Pray

Thank God for the successful workshop in Paraguay. Everyone learned a lot and great progress was made on numerous strategic plans.

Pray for the leadership of ATEK and AIDIA* who are daily faced with a myriad of challenges.

Pray that God will direct us as we seek Him regarding our future after we accomplish our goals for the South Peru Project in 2010.

Pray for wisdom, creativity, energy and patience for Tammy as she homeschools Caleb and Jesse.

Pray for wisdom for me, Justin, as I lead our SIL/Wycliffe team, mentor several Quechua leaders, and advise various Quechua organizations, as well as several organizations outside of Peru.

Pray that God will raise up several financial partners and that we will receive what we need to work and live.

**ATEK and AIDIA are the main interdenominational Quechua organizations we are mentoring in Cusco and Abancay.*

Go

There are many ways in which you can come and help in Peru. Right now there are a couple of building projects going on for the indigenous organizations with whom we work. Please contact us if you are interested in serving on a short-term team.

There are also other needs that you can fill depending on your level of Spanish and your availability. Once again, let us know if you want to get involved and we can begin a dialogue of how you might fit in.

Give

We as Wycliffe missionaries rely on God to provide for our financial needs through the gifts of individuals and churches like yourself. We do not receive a regular salary.

Currently our average level of donations is only reaching 84% of our monthly needs. Please consider joining this part of the adventure.

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