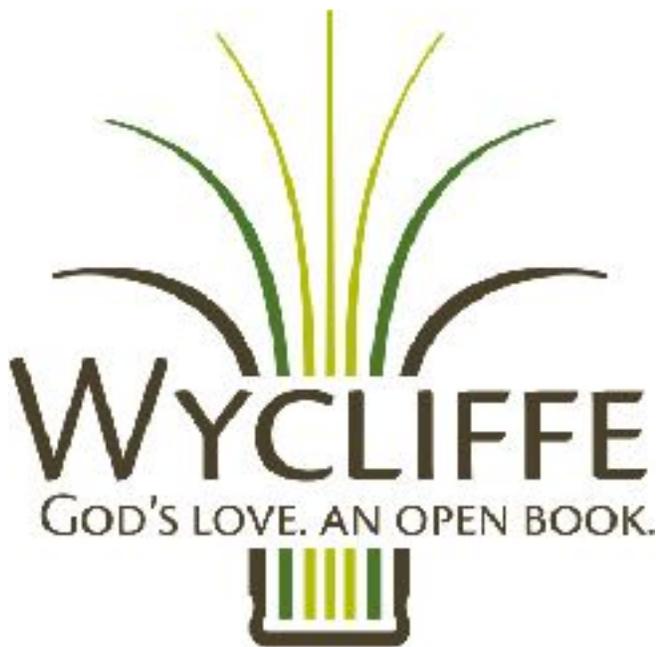




Prayer Letter for Peru STM

June 1-21, 2017



Wycliffe serves minority language groups worldwide by fostering an understanding of God's Word through Bible translation, while nurturing literacy, education and stronger communities.

Peru Short Term Mission Itinerary & Prayer Items

Introduction :

1. There will be 19 members on this Short Term Mission (STM) team:
 - a. 10 members & pastors from the Burnaby Alliance Church;
 - b. 6 members & pastors from the Coquitlam Christ Church of China;
 - c. 2 members from the Lima Chinese Alliance Church;
 - d. 1 member from the Calgary Chinese Alliance Church;
2. Wycliffe Bible Translators of Canada actively promotes Kingdom Friendships, with a vision to foster effective long-term missionary partnerships between churches in Canada and churches in other parts of the world; in hope that Christians from other parts of the world can use their talents to serve one another.
3. Peru is 2 hours ahead of Vancouver Pacific Time
4. For a visual understanding on the location of the 3 mission fields, please refer to the map in the Appendix.



Day 1 - June 1 (Thurs)

Itinerary: The first STM team will depart in the morning from Vancouver to Lima (Peru's capital); they will transit in Los Angeles.

Prayer Items:

1. Pray for the safety of every member; punctuality of every connecting flight; clearance of all luggage and everyone will be able to arrive at the hotel on time. Pray for sufficient rest for everyone, and their strength to meet the demands of every day's work.
2. Pray for the health of every member; pray that they will adapt quickly to the climate, food, water and culture.

Day 2 - June 2 (Fri)

Itinerary: Their flight will arrive in the wee hours, followed by more than an hour's drive to their accommodation in Miraflores. They will be doing visitations together with the local Alliance church during the day.

Prayer Items:

1. Pray that God will bless these visits and the local Chinese will come to accept Christ.
2. Pray for the pastors of the Lima Alliance and Burnaby Alliance that they will have a blessed time of sharing and communicating with the locals.

Day 3 - June 3 (Sat)

Itinerary: STM team will join the Los Olivos Alliance Church's Mandarin worship service; a pastor on the STM team will be speaking at the service.

Prayer Items:

1. Pray for the pastors of the Lima Alliance and Burnaby Alliance, that they will have a blessed time of sharing and fellowship.
2. Pray that members of the STM team will have ample opportunities to share their testimonies-. Pray for the local Christians, that they will see the need for gospel in Peru's minorities.

Day 4 ~ June 4 (Sun)

Itinerary: STM team will join the San Borja Alliance Church's Mandarin and Spanish worship services and the Pueblo Libre Alliance Church's Cantonese worship service; a pastor and an elder on the STM team will be speaking at all three services. They will meet with two Spanish translators in the afternoon to discuss the mission work for the upcoming days. Two members will be flying in the morning from Calgary and Edmonton to join the STM team.

Prayer Items:

1. Pray that the Lord will use the three local Chinese Alliance churches mightily; pray that the congregation will actively evangelize and engage people of the same culture, similar culture and different culture.
2. The local church will send two members to assist with interpretation for the STM team in the following week. Pray that they will have a blessed time of serving together with the STM team.

Day 5 ~ June 5 (Mon)

Itinerary: STM team will do visitations together with the local Alliance church.

Prayer Items:

1. Pray that God will bless these visits and the local Chinese will come to accept Christ.
2. Pray that the Lord will prepare everyone's heart and they can serve this cross-cultural ministry in the coming days with humility.

Day 6 ~ June 6 (Tue)

Itinerary: STM team will take a domestic flight at 8am in the morning to Cuzco, a city at an elevation of 3,326m above sea level. After the team arrives at 9:45am, they will take a 5-hour ride to the AIDIA centre, located approximately 200 km away in the Apurimac Region's capital city, Abancay. Upon arrival, they will rest and adapt to the Alpine climate in the centre's accommodation.

Prayer Items:

1. Pray for the safety of the STM team as they make their way to Cuzco and Apurimac Regions (They will be driving on very windy mountain roads to Apurimac).
2. Due to lower oxygen levels, altitude sickness is common on the Andes. Pray that the Lord will bless everyone's ability to adapt to the high altitude; pray also for the Lord's blessings on the entire STM team be able to adapt to the local climate, food, water, culture, customs and practices.

Day 7 ~ June 7 (Wed)

Itinerary: STM team will meet with the AIDIA team, to build a working relationship, provide IT support, and to discuss evangelism at a nearby village over the upcoming weekend. AIDIA is an interdenominational Christian organization whose focus is in seven areas (population over

200,000) of the Apurimac Region. They encourage the locals to use their native language for communication in churches and communities by offering them mother tongue literacy classes, workshops, a written curriculum and audio-visual curriculum. Members of the AIDIA team are currently involved in the translation of the Old Testament into Eastern Auprimac Quechua. Translation of the New Testament into Eastern Auprimac Quechua was completed in 2013 and copies were distributed throughout the region.

Prayer Items:

1. Pray that the Lord will grant wisdom to the STM team so that they may better understand the needs of the Eastern Auprimac Quechua people; pray that every team member can use his/her gifts and talents wisely to improve the facilities at the AIDIA centre.
2. Pray that the Lord will use the AIDIA's resources to lead the locals to accept God's Word and therefore transformed lives.

Day 8 - June 8 (Thurs)

Itinerary: STM team will pray and worship with AIDIA's pastors. STM team will conduct a workshop, sharing on balancing God, family and ministry and the two teams will have lunch together. After lunch, they will be divided into men and women groups for prayers and fellowship sessions, and discuss the next day's evangelism program in the neighbouring village.



Prayer Items:

1. Pray that the Lord will use the workshop to help the pastors and fellow workers to strike a balance between God, family and ministry effectively.
2. Pray that the Lord will bless the work of translating Old Testament into Eastern Auprimac Quechua. The Eastern Auprimac Quechua Old Testament is expected to be completed by 2022.

Day 9 - June 9 (Wed)

Itinerary: STM and AIDIA teams will drive 4-8 hours to a remote Quechua village. They will provide leadership training, support children's ministry, meet the local Quechua church, experience the local culture and stay for the night.

Prayer Items:

1. Pray for the safety of the entire team as they travel on many winding mountain roads. Pray that the Lord will help the entire team to reach their destination safely.
2. Pray that everyone has cultural and spiritual sensitivity towards the locals' needs.

Day 10 - June 10 (Sat)

Itinerary: STM team will be divided into many small groups. Each group will drive for a couple of hours to another remote village. They will visit the local families, share the gospel, assist the children's ministry and stay for the night.

Prayer Items:

1. Pray for the stamina of the entire team to complete the journey, as they are required to travel on foot for part of the journey into the village.

2. May the Lord prepare the hearts of unbelievers that they will be receptive and come to the saving grace of our Lord when gospel is preached.

Day 11 ~ June 11 (Sun)

Itinerary: STM team will join the local Quechua church for worship service and provide leadership training. They will return to the AIDIA centre in the afternoon.

Prayer Items:

1. Only 252 villages and communities in Apurimac Region have churches. Pray that the Lord will use the Bible translation ministry to grow churches in the remaining 3,003 villages and communities.
2. Pray that the Lord will bless the work of translating Old Testament into Eastern Apurimac Quechua which is expected to be completed by 2022.

Day 12 ~ June 12 (Mon)

Itinerary: STM team will conclude the work done over the last few days with the ATEK pastors. They will return to Cuzco in the afternoon.

Prayer Items:

1. Pray that the Lord will revive the churches in Canada and Peru, that through fostering a kingdom friendship, they can establish a complementary evangelism network. Pray that through prayers and financial support, the churches can continue to collaborate and work together in Sunday school, leadership, ladies and children ministries and cross-cultural training. Together, they can advance God's Kingdom.
2. Pray that the literacy program will enable more ladies to read, thereby, empower them to read the bible. Pray that more ladies will become disciples of Christ through the literacy program.



Day 13 ~ June 13 (Tues)

Itinerary: A brief tour of Cuzco. The first STM team will return to Canada in the afternoon via Lima.

Prayer Items:

1. Pray that the Lord will bless AIDIA ministry so that they will shine forth as bright lights and become a blessing to many locals and Canadian believers.
2. There are a total of 93 minorities language groups (see Appendix) in Peru. Out of these groups, only 5 groups have the complete Bible; 47 groups have the New Testament; 14 groups have some books of the Bible and 25 groups do not have any Bible. Pray that the Lord will send more workers into these people groups to work on Bible translation.

Day 14 ~ June 14 (Wed)

Itinerary: Another 6-member STM team will reach Cuzco. They will rest and adapt to the high altitude at the ATEK centre. They will join the ATEK team in preparation for the upcoming gospel rally and a series of workshops in the village. ATEK is the local Cuzco Quechua ministry, whose focus is to promote the use of New Testament translation among the locals.

Prayer Items:

1. Pray for the health of every member; pray that they will adapt to the climate, food, water, culture, customs and practices.
2. Pray that the Lord will raise more native language trainers and the 1.6 million Quechua population can come to accept Christ. Illiteracy deters the Quechua people from reading the Bible effectively; pray that the Lord will invigorate the literacy program and help the locals to comprehend the Quechua Bible.

Day 15 ~ June 15 (Thurs)

Itinerary: STM team will have a meeting with the ATEK team to build a working relationship and discuss the direction of future partnerships. They will continue to work with the ATEK team in the preparation for the upcoming gospel rally and a series of workshops in the village.

Prayer Items:

1. Although the Quechua Bible was translated in 1998, Bible distribution work is still in progress. This is because the local population is sparsely spread out in thousands of big and small towns and remote villages. Pray that the ATEK team is able to strategically distribute the Bibles and that the Bible will be a blessing to the people. Pray that the Lord will use the Quechua bible to bless the believers' spiritual growth and bring more unbelievers to the saving faith of the eternal God.

Day 16 ~ June 16 (Fri)

Itinerary: STM team will drive 2-4 hours (from Cuzco) to reach a village on the mountain. They will fellowship with the local Quechua church and experience the Quechua culture. ATEK will conduct workshops on Preventing Sexual Assault and How to Protect Yourself for women. STM will also conduct a workshop on Women in the Bible and participate in children ministry. They will stay in the village for the night. There will be 70 people coming from various villages to join a 4-day training at the ATEK centre.

Prayer Items:

1. The local women face domestic violence and sexual assaults. Pray that the Lord will use these workshops to teach them how to prevent and deal with these problems. Pray that the Lord will protect and continue to raise more Quechua women to participate in the local ministries, so they can have more opportunities to share the gospel with other women.
2. Pray that the Lord will help the STM team to adapt to village life and bless them with spiritual sensitivity to understand the needs of the Quechua people and share their needs with the Canadian churches.

Day 17 ~ June 17 (Sat)

Itinerary: STM team will move on to another village and conduct 3 workshops for the locals: How to Evangelise, Leadership Training, and Understand Marital Relationship from the book of Ephesians. Other members will involve in children ministry and food preparation. They will stay in the village for the night.

Prayer Items:

1. Pray that the locals will have receptive hearts to learn and apply what they have learnt in their daily lives.
2. Pray that the Lord will revive the local children ministry; the children will commit their lives to the Lord Jesus at a young age and God's Word will be stored in their

hearts. Pray that the Lord will raise and prepare more Sunday school teachers so that they can use ATEK's materials to minister to the children.

Day 18 ~ June 18 (Sun)

Itinerary: STM team will make their way to the third village and join them for worship service and children ministry. The pastor from the STM team will preach at the service and the team will return to the ATEK centre in the afternoon.

Prayer Items:

1. The worship service will be conducted in Quechua language and though many members may not understand the language, pray that the Lord will enlighten their hearts to experience God in the worship service.

Day 19 ~ June 19 (Mon)

Itinerary: STM team will conduct 2 workshops for the 70 Quechua Sunday School leaders: Passion for Service and How to solely depend on God in a lonely ministry.

Prayer Items:

1. Pray for the safety of these 70 leaders, as they often have to travel to different villages in the mountainous region to do visitations. Most of them serve God by themselves in their villages; pray that they will depend on God in this lonely environment.
2. Pray that the Lord will provide ATEK sufficient funds to train more Quechua leaders and send them to serve in more than 1,000 villages in the Cuzco Region, to build churches and promote Bible translation work.

Day 20 ~ June 20 (Tues)

Itinerary: STM team will conclude their work done over the past few days with ATEK pastors. STM team will take the 7.40pm flight from Cuzco back to Lima.

Prayer Items:

1. Pray that the STM team can share the local minorities and the local Chinese's needs effectively with the church.

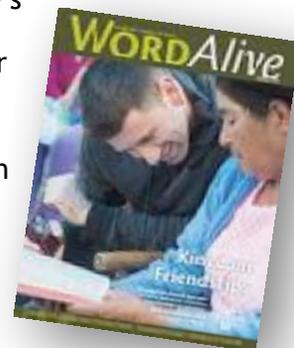
Day 21 ~ June 21 (Wed)

Itinerary: After returning to Lima, STM team will take a 2 am flight back to Canada via Los Angeles. It will be a late night arrival in Canada for the STM team.

Prayer Items:

1. Pray that the STM team can share the local minorities and the local Chinese's needs effectively with their church.
2. Pray that God will provide a vision and lead the 2018 Peru STM team in their preparation work.

Thank you for being part of our ministry, praying with us for Peru's Bible translation work. If you would like to know more about Peru's Bible translation work, click on this [link](#) to browse Summer 2014 Word Alive magazine.



“For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of the LORD and serve him with one accord.”
(Zephaniah 3:9 ESV)



Appendix~Ethno-linguistic Map of Peru

