



Janet's Journal

January



Good News from Peru

The completed Bible was ready to be distributed and celebrated among two Quechua-speaking groups. However, the pandemic and severe lockdowns in Peru made it impossible. For months the boxes of Bibles sat in storage. Recently the Bibles were finally able to be delivered to different villages. Church leaders and pastors from all different churches gathered under one roof to receive the Bible in their language. Many bought boxes of the treasured Word to take back to their communities and congregations. It looked different than previous celebrations where people would come from miles around to gather, sing, listen, share and celebrate! But the Word is no longer sitting in storage. Pray that it will now be stored in the hearts and minds of the Quechua people in Peru (North and South Conchucos dialects).

People Engagement

We just posted online one of our first in-person Explore Bible Translation events for 2021 to take place here in Lancaster in June. Another Explore will be in May, taking place in Orlando. Please pray that these events can actually happen. I'm trusting that Covid will be in the past, and everyone will have a chance to get the vaccine by then, so social distancing and masks will not be needed.



I continue working with the Scripture App Builder, checking various books of Scripture in different languages for use on cell phones. Did you know that of the more than 7,000 languages in the world, only about 10% have a translation of the full Bible? We praise God that the Huichol language of Mexico is now one of them! The Huichol Bible was dedicated this summer, and a colleague worked with the translation team to create the same Scripture app that I'm working on so Huichol speakers can access their Bible on their mobile devices. This people group of over 50,000 is still considered unreached, so pray that God's Word would bear great fruit among the Huichol! You can watch a video that tells a story of the translation (with English subtitles available) by going to the following website

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rmWrymPgXN8&feature=youtu.be>, a video of the dedication of the Huichol Bible (click the "CC" button for English subtitles).

Personal News



My great-great niece and nephew and their "pop-pop," a Christmas we'll never forget

I can't believe the holidays are behind us already. I had a nice quiet Christmas, staying home and enjoying some Christmas specials with Christian musicians and speakers, like Michael W Smith, Max Lucado and others that helped me focus on Christ's birth, the reason for the season. I drove to the Philly area one day the week after Christmas, making stops at all my nieces' homes, plus visiting a friend who lives in a retirement facility in Delaware. I wore a mask and kept the visits brief, but at least I got to see them and drop off gifts. It was so nice seeing family again after a year of isolation!

I had an eye check-up recently, and unfortunately my pressure was too high, even though we added a second medication. The doctor added a third drop, and I went back today for another check-up. The doctor said if it didn't go down, he would have to stop the steroid shots, which would mean I would probably go blind in that eye. The good news is that the pressure did go down to a safe level, and there was absolutely no change in the vein

in my eye (meaning it wasn't swollen as it usually is). I'm asking God to heal my eye completely so I can finally stop the shots, or use medication to keep the pressure at a safe level so I can continue them. I'm ready to see what God will do either way, as I know His ways are best. At least the sight in my left eye is good (with glasses).

Thank you so much for your continued faithfulness in giving and praying. I look forward to the great things God has planned for us in 2021. **PLEASE NOTE MY NEW CELL PHONE NUMBER BELOW!** I've been receiving harassment texts for almost a year so had to change my number. Do NOT pass it on to anyone else nor post my letter on the Internet--thanks!

In Christ's service,

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Pray for:

*Healing of my right eye
People to register for Explore events
Covid vaccinations to be effective*

Praise for:

*A blessed holiday season
Time with family
The Bible translated into Quechua*

