



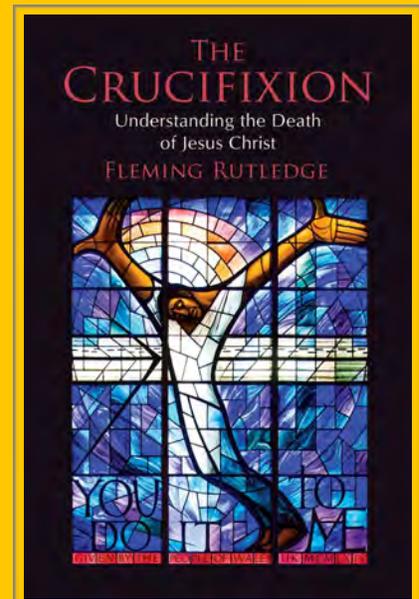
Flooding in Northern Peru

While we have experienced heavy rains in Pucallpa, we have been spared wide-spread flooding, and it seems the weather is turning hot and dry. But it was not so in the suburbs of Lima and cities to the north, on the Western side of the Andes. Lima is typically very dry, less than 1" of rain each year. But *el Niño* rains in high elevations caused by inordinately warm Pacific waters wreaked havoc on many, many already impoverished people. Hundreds lost their lives, thousands more their homes and possessions. Entire cities were buried in raging waters and mudslides.

We - all who work with RiverWind - labor in the jungle on the East side of the Andes. The Ucayali River rises and falls by 20' twice each year; the river often changes course, but the indigenous peoples in their villages have learned how to live in these conditions, most houses are built off the ground and the forest absorbs much of the high water (one important reason among others to *not* clear-cut the Amazon jungle!).

Pray for those without resources who have lost everything.

GOOD FRIDAY



I have been reading *The Crucifixion: Understanding the Death of Jesus Christ*, by pastor and theologian Fleming Rutledge during these weeks leading up to Good Friday and Easter. While intellectually challenging, it is much more spiritually enlightening. It has challenged me to re-think the death of Jesus, especially the action of God in taking upon and into his own Being my sin, humanity's sin, and even more – the Powers of SIN and DEATH, overcoming them on the Cross.

Join me in considering Jesus' Death, on my blog:
dickrobinson.info

PRAYER

★ Arfaxad Sanchez

RiverWind Shipibo team leader Clever Sanchez and his wife Fermilda's son requires surgery for a growth on his forehead. A national medical program for indigenous people is available, and a surgeon from Lima is in Pucallpa who can do the surgery. Clever's teammates and Shipibo churches, together with our local team are helping pay their expenses. Pray for a successful medical procedure.



★ Village Survey

We leave early Monday morning for Tahuania, to conduct another survey (as in April 2016) of communities: locations; populations: adults, children, elderly, leaders; resources: schools, clinics, shops, fishing, farming, logging; religion: churches (if any) and spiritual.



January 2017

- Juan Lopez pastoral visit to churches in Tahuania
- Leadership Training for RiverWind team
- Lima: Preparations for February DAI Consultation
- Office work; team development & training

February 2017

- Latin America Consultation/Lima - Development Associates
- Leadership development training - Nuevo Italia
- Orality training - 9 de Octubre (village)
- Vacation Bible School - Nuevo Italia (90 children)
- Preaching (on worship) at Divino Redentor Church

March 2017

- DAI training - Pucallpa (Americo Saavedra; Pastor Meison Missly; Dick Robinson)
- Well drilling in Sempaya (upriver)
- Pastoral planning meetings for 2018 Evangelistic Outreach in Pucallpa with LifePromotions
- Juan Lopez pastoral care and visits to Tahuania churches

more for prayer...

★ LifePromotions

RiverWind is working with leaders of the evangelical churches of Pucallpa to organize an evangelistic event in 2018 to reach out to the youth and young adults in this city of 650,000.

We will be hosting Bob Lenz from Life Promotions – together with the Reid Saunders Association – in late April to pray, dream and begin planning this major event for next year. Pray for vision and dreams, wisdom and unity as Pucallpa’s Christian leaders meet together with Bob.

★ RiverWind Team

Upriver churches:

- Nicanor Agustin/Nuevo Italia
- Moises Davila/Shahuaya
- Juan Lopez/Samaria
- Clever Sanchez/Tupac

Pucallpa office:

- Jacquie Hidalgo/Finance
- Martha Hidalgo/Training
- Ruth Hidalgo/Director
- Jemima Rios/Assistant
- Betsi Moreno/Training
- Dick Robinson/President
- Victor Utia/Logistics, Security

★ Financial needs

RiverWind’s ministry – including Orality Bible teaching and DAI Leadership Development – is growing almost beyond our resources, generously provided by you. Monthly operating costs for personnel and administration amount to \$5,750. Program costs are covered by generous grants. **Will you stand with us?**



Development Associates International

In February participants from DAI (Colorado Springs, U.S.) gathered from across Latin America, meeting with Jane Overstreet, President of DAI, and Dave Johnson, DAI Regional Director for Latin America, to listen, learn and pray together, organizing and presenting the Servant Leadership program developed by DAI.

We were privileged to organize and coordinate the consultation held in Lima, the capital city of Peru, listening to, learning from and challenged by Jane, Dave, and DAI Latin America consultant Americo Saavedra. Pray with us as the ministry grows across the continent.

Dick & Ruth	Learn more...	Click2Give
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“Then the angel showed me that river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life....the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.”

Revelation 22:1,2 NIV