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## An unexpected joy: Churingaveni, here I come again!

Three years ago I was able to return to the village of Churingaveni, Peru, where I had been a linguist and Bible translator as a young single missionary. What a joyful, awesome experience it was to re-connect with people who are almost like family to me, with whom I had had no way to stay connected when I left the village 35 years before. With the help of our ministry partners, I was able to take the Spanish Jesus film and a portable projector to the village and leave it with Asilio who had expressed a longing to travel to other villages in his area and show the film and share the Good News.

Now the Jesus film is in the final stages of preparation in the Ashaninka language, and I've been told it will be ready in plenty of time for me to pick up a copy and take it out to the village with me when I visit again towards the end of June!

Yes, Jesus is taking me back to Churingaveni! I will be traveling with Marti Hesse and Randy Coffman, friends since childhood, and Nancy Sanders, who worked with me in Churingaveni for a year or so and is now returning for the first time. I am in awe at how God orchestrated this trip and the ones three years ago, centering around the Jesus film! And this time when the people see the movie, Jesus will be speaking their language! What a privilege to be the one to deliver this powerful evangelistic tool!

*The creative sound booth for making the recordings.*



*Two of numerous Ashaninka recording artists for the Ashaninka Jesus Film.*



Please keep us in your prayers for safety as we travel (June 24-July 10), and pray for good sleep, stamina, and low (or miraculously non-existent) neuropathy pain for me. Lack of sleep, extreme fatigue, and high pain levels can make normal things challenging and sometimes agonizing for me. Also please pray for an uneventful overnight bus trip over the Andes mountains (15,000 feet!) to get to Churingaveni and then back again. It can be grueling and we are not spring chickens anymore,☺ plus we have activities planned for the day we arrive. Most of all, please pray that God's purposes will be accomplished in and through us!

Recreation will be part of our trip as well. ☺ Lord willing, we plan to visit various places such as, Cuzco and Machu Picchu, and also Yarina, where we all lived.

Robert will be "keeping on keeping on" here at home. He has a lot on his plate with multiple courses and textbooks he is writing. Prayer is appreciated for him and for his health, as well. Mom will be staying with my brother Stuart and his wife Ruth while I am away. I appreciate their eagerness to have a turn taking care of Mom. She is such a joy!

## **An unexpected wrinkle: not the hoped-for scan results**

Just as this letter was about to go to press, I had a follow-up scan, and learned that the brain cancer is back. I am banking on God's goodness and His promise to work all things for good. I'm so grateful for the peace He has given me! Please pray as I resume the fight, for a speedy and permanent healing and God's provision for the costs involved. The doctor did not try to dissuade me from going to Peru, though he did ask me to get another scan before I go. So Lord willing, I will be traveling as planned. Pray that the trip will not set me back health-wise. Thank you!

### **Praise**

- For the upcoming trip to Peru
- God continues to awe us with His orchestration in our lives
- The loving, caring, praying friends, family, and supporters with whom God has blessed us

### **Prayer**

- My trip to Peru: safety, and health issues; God's purposes accomplished on the trip
- Robert's health issues
- Wisdom for Robert in course creation
- That grandson Nathan's chest will expand
- God's provision for the needs of our supporters and for our ongoing needs

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