

Reed Reflections

...from the desk of Judy Reed



Developing affordable practical training for third world missionaries

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Happy Dance! An Ashaninka Update

The other day, scrolling through Facebook, I came across a couple of videos that prompted a happy dance—in my heart since I never learned how to really dance. ☺ The videos were made by two Ashaninka brothers from Churingaveni, Peru, where I worked as a linguist/Bible translator 40+ years ago. They were videos explaining in Ashaninka how to stay healthy in the midst of the covid pandemic. I was thrilled with their initiative! What really made my day was that when I contacted one of the brothers to compliment them on a job well done, I learned that they each have a child studying videography in the university, and they are hoping to all work together to **start a ministry making quality videos sharing the Gospel as well as teaching on other subjects, in their own language.** My heart happy dance skyrocketed! This could be huge for reaching their people with the

Good News and supplying teaching on other practical topics as well. It is awesome to see a project such as this, dreamed up and being launched by the people themselves. They have saved up almost half the money for a good video camera for this ministry. Now with the global pandemic and economic struggles, it will be harder than normal to come up with monies that can be put towards this project. Paying for food and shelter will be more urgent. We'd like to be able to bless them with part of the money they lack. If anyone would be interested in participating in this project with us, please let us know.



Glyde Ramos, one of the two brothers wanting to start a video ministry with their college kids

Here at Home

Here at home we've been compliantly sheltering in place. On the surface, life hasn't changed much because Robert and I have both worked from home for a number of years. And yet it feels like it has changed rather drastically. Robert really misses face to face time in the classroom with his graduate students on Thursday evenings at Dallas Baptist University. Mom misses getting to Sunday School at her church and also seeing friends at the retirement center where she used to live. I miss my haircutter ☺ and I never thought I'd say this, but I even miss going to the gym—a little bit. On the other hand, I very much enjoy the slower pace of life not scheduled around frequent doctor visits and other outings!



Mom, ready for a walk

Mom's minor surgery for the cancer on her face went well, and she has fully recovered. The doctor wants to see her in July to make sure the cancer is not growing back.

Robert: Divide...and Conquer (the Unwieldiness)

First a health update: Praise God, the serious cellulitis infection that Robert battled for weeks on end is now cleared up. But his overall energy is still lacking. Please pray for vitality and the ability to make excellent progress on the courses he is creating. For several years one of his projects has been writing a textbook about cross-cultural teaching, and it had become quite long and unwieldy. Solution? Divide it into a series of smaller student guides (about 100 pages each) that would each correspond with a course. That has been his focus lately. Perhaps in

the future, these will be prepared for publication through Amazon.com in digital and publication-on-demand paperback formats.

Thank You!

We have the most amazing team of family, friends, and supporters! Thank you for investing in our lives on many levels through your friendship, prayers and gifts. God has richly blessed us through you! Let us know how you've been weathering the pandemic and how we can pray for you.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13 TPT)



Praise and Prayer

- Pray for provision of a good video camera for the Ashaninka video project and for a powerful ministry to develop
- Ask God for improved health for our extended family (lots of health issues); vitality and focus for Robert; Judy's sleep
- Pray for good progress in ministry projects; strategies for best distribution of Robert's courses when ready
- Praise: Christie's husband can work from home with his **new job** (acquired just before the covid shutdown, after more than a year of being unemployed!); Rob's (Robin's) recovery after a month quarantined at home with covid symptoms
- Pray that our lives would reflect God to the world around us ever more clearly, attracting others to His love

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