

Update: ATEK



Progress

- 58 Sunday school teachers were trained. 150 children from various communities attended day camps with these teachers.
- 14 new facilitators are now teaching 162 new students on biblical themes. We also have seen 145 women participate in "Women of the Bible" studies. Seven new facilitators have taught seven new groups.
- 25 new couples participated in marriage workshops earlier this year. These alumni are serving as marriage counsellors in their churches and other groups where they have reached more than 73 new couples.
- Five workshops for pastors and leaders were held. At least 123 leaders from 57 different communities were trained.
- The Quechua Bible dictionary was printed and 1433 copies were distributed. Workshops and presentations about this book were held.
- 412 children and youth from six public educational institutions learned about preventing sexual abuse.



Current Goals

- Produce audiovisual Scripture materials.
- Distribute Quechua Bibles.
- Host Bible-based workshops on the following themes: marriage (for 30 churches), Bible studies for men (for 30 churches), leadership training (15-day training), reading with comprehension (for pastors and leaders), methods for teaching Women of the Bible, stopping family and sexual violence, training children about the Bible and life goal-setting for youth.
- Assisting other community organizations in Peru.



Stories of impact

A calling to teach

Manuel, 74, is from the community of Tactabamba. For many years he worked building up churches. Unfortunately, due to many difficulties, the church in his community shrank until only one family remained. Manuel was left deeply discouraged.

He heard that ATEK was offering training for teachers of children and took part. After attending the training, he said, "I am thankful to God for allowing me to attend. Here I was challenged and the LORD spoke clearly to me. He said that I should stop feeling sorry for the state of my church and start being concerned for the children of my community. Who will help them? There I understood that I was to teach the children."

Manuel immediately began to meet with the children. His wife brought snacks of dried salted corn, small cooked potatoes, or corn drink. Manuel and his wife loved the children as if they were their own. When the owner of the church could no longer host the group, Manuel built a new place on his own property so he could keep teaching them! Many children now attend.

Manuel says, "It is a real blessing for me to work with the children even though I am old.

I am learning how important it is to teach the children of God. I don't want to stay teaching just in my own community. Now I am going to other communities and training two Christian men so they will continue with the teaching in their community." God has also given Manuel the opportunity to visit other churches and speak with the leaders about the importance of teaching children at an early age.

Hope is my strength

Margarita is 50 and, for most of her life, has longed to read. She would say, "I'd at least like to learn how to read my hymn book; that would be enough for me." Last April, she attended a literacy workshop with ATEK.

Now Marguerita encourages other women who feel shame related to their illiteracy. "You think that just because you are older that you can't learn to read? That's a lie!" she says. "When I was learning during ATEK's workshop, at first I had no idea what they were doing, but they gave me a book and I began to pray to God with the hope that He would teach me... After I finished my work in the fields, I studied. Every day I learned a little more. God listened to my prayers. I am reading, little by little."



Quick facts

Potential population
impact: 1.5 million

Number of languages: One

Focus ministry: Leadership development, literacy, Scripture engagement

Geographic area: Peru

Timeline: 2006-2019

**Total ministry year need
(to August 20, 2019):** \$150,340



Pray with us

- Lord, we pray that You will reveal Yourself to the Quechua people, especially the children who are taking classes on religion in school. Please build up the local churches.
- God, please be with the ATEK staff and their families. Keep them healthy, physically and spiritually.
- We pray also for the newly trained leaders, especially the women and young people. Please build them up as they face challenges.



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Thank you.

