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## May Ministry Update

### **Big Move!:**

The time finally arrived for our family to move full-time into a Kichwa village! We've been praying, planning, and building the Cooper House for the past three years, and we were able to move from Cumbayá on Good Friday, April 14. We are so excited about the opportunities that this will provide us for sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the Kichwa people!





### **Plans For The Next Year:**

We would like to give you an idea of what our plans are for the next year, so that you will know how to better pray for us and with us. Our ministry will be focused on five areas in the upcoming year, all with the goal of church planting in the Kichwa villages.

**1. Language School:** The time has come to reenter language school. We devoted 2011 to learning Spanish, and now we will devote the next year to learning Kichwa. It is imperative that we learn quickly, so please pray with us! Right now, we are praying specifically for the right teacher for our family.

**2. Evangelism:** We have several open doors in unevangelized Kichwa

villages. We will continue to preach the Gospel in those villages, and, Lord willing, begin the first steps of church planting among those people.

**3. Discipleship:** God has given us a great group of around 70 people that are studying His Word in the Bible Institute. Also, there is a small group of about six-eight men that have mentioned that God may be burdening their hearts for ministry. Our plan is to begin meeting with these men next month. Please pray specifically for them. Our goal is that one day these men could become our first set of Kichwa church planters and pastors, if that is how the Lord leads!

**4. Finishing the Kichwa Library:** Please pray that we would be able to complete the Kichwa library in the upcoming months.

**5. Our Missionary Team:** We've been praying for many years that God would provide a missionary team to work with us in the Kichwa ministry. It appears that the Lord is beginning to answer that request! We have several veteran missionaries interested in working with us. We will keep you posted on how the Lord works in this area!

**Thank you for praying with us!**

**Serving Him Together,**

***Will and Laura***

In case you missed our last Update:

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