

TASTE AND SEE

By Katie Kuykendall

“Our work is a little bit like we’re working in the kitchen, making something really special,” Mark tells me. “I usually say they’re cinnamon rolls; you can call them chocolate chip cookies, or brownies, or whatever. We put it in the oven, and you can just smell it and think, ‘Wow, what a wonderful thing.’”

Mark, believe it or not, is talking about Bible translation. For more than 30 years he and his wife, Patti, have been translating Scripture in Peru. Presently they’re facilitating a cluster project with a team representing five unique Quechua languages. They finished their Old Testaments, and now they’re revising the five New Testaments. Soon the books will be printed as complete Bibles!

You’d think the team might take a rest and enjoy the accomplishment. But for them, it just can’t get done quickly enough. Like a sweet treat or savory sustenance — they love the translated Word.

Taste and see that the LORD is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him! — Psalm 34:8 (NLT)

“We get to take it — and it’s not cinnamon rolls or brownies or something — but it’s God’s Word, and we take it out to people,” Mark says excitedly. “And maybe we have the only copy of a particular Bible book in existence in the entire world, and it’s in our hands. We read it to people or talk about it ... and that’s the first time they’ve ever heard it in their language.”

“It’s like, ‘Try it! Taste it! Taste and see! See what it’s like.’ And we see the expressions of delight and joy on their faces as they understand for the first time what God is saying in their own language, and it goes right into their heart.”



Dear Friends,

I love the enthusiasm of the Quechua translation team. Their passion for God’s Word is apparent as they delight in translating it into these five Quechua languages and sharing it with others.

As I read the team’s report, I’m encouraged to carry their passion into my own time in the Word, asking God to help me taste and see his goodness in new ways. And I’m awed by the privilege that God has given each of us to help other people experience his goodness. I invite you to learn more about what God is doing in Peru through this team and others by visiting wycliffe.org/peru.

Thank you for your partnership in sharing God’s Word with an ever-growing number of people groups who are hearing it for the first time. I hope it fills you with deep joy to join us in saying, “Taste and see that the LORD is good”!

Warmly in Christ,

Bob Creson

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Impacting the Heart — Peru

In Peru, a woman named Humbelina is helping women in her community learn to read and write their own language. She shared, “Our desire is to keep bringing the Word of God in the mother tongue so people can understand it. When we share it with women, they don’t keep it to themselves. They share it with their children; they share it with other women. The Word of God in the mother tongue is what has an impact in people’s hearts, and it’s what changes people’s lives.”

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