

MISSIONS NEWSLETTER



Nate, Nathaniel, Ruben, Josh

Let us introduce you to a part of our ministry that goes beyond the city of Arequipa. Just two weeks ago, we found ourselves sitting across from two Peruvian brothers who have been a part of Nathaniel's family's ministry in Huanta, Peru since the beginning. Rev. German Santillana is the pastor of the church plant in Huanta, and Ruben Pino, who grew up in the Gutierrez family's orphanage, has worked as a missionary to the highland regions and assistant pastor to the church.

We sat amazed at the faithfulness of God in the lives of these two men. Ruben told us story after story of his missional adventures, many which

sounded like Paul's journeys in the Book of Acts. At one point in his life, Ruben was given the charge to be a missionary, and so he faithfully went, walking and hiking up to town after town high in the Andes Mountains. Sometimes his message of Truth was well received and the people would beg him for more. Sometimes his message fell on deaf ears and his life was threatened, but regardless of the circumstances he continued, and continues even now proclaiming the Word to the unreached. Today, by God's grace, many churches stand in places they never would have existed without his work.



Developing church in Huanta, Peru

Rev. German Santillana

Rev. German spoke of the men who would travel many days journey to be discipled and trained in the Bible institute hosted in Huanta. He spoke of the hundreds of thousands that are impacted by the radio ministry he leads, which proclaims the gospel faithfully every morning and evening in Spanish and Quechua. His passion for the Kingdom and his desire to see it grow was deeply moving.

What was most humbling was that these two men who have spent their entire careers serving in ministry came to us for counsel and pastoral wisdom. They asked us if we would be willing to come to Huanta on occasion, to partner with them, mentor them, and host training seminars for other men in ministry. We are honored to be able to have this relationship with these men and to help them in whatever way we can.

Men like German and Ruben know the Lord and faithfully serve him because the church in the U.S. stood behind missionaries who preached the gospel to these men and trained them for ministry. Today we see how the kingdom has benefited from this investment and we thank you for faithfully enabling us to continue to carry the gospel to new regions of Peru.

Thankful for our partnership with you, Nathan and Nikki Bonham Nathaniel and Alicia Gutierrez Josh and Emily Kines