

Rain of Blessing Ministry

April 2017

Amazon Update

Dearest Family & Friends,

There was a discontent deep within each of us but we didn't know why.

Willie vocalized his exhaustion after fifteen years working in the jungle after early civil service retirement.

We shared our hearts with José that we felt it was time for us to return to the United States, that which we never had in mind till now. The three of us cried.



José also has been stretched to his limits. He was nominated and agreed to be chief of Nueva Unión in July 2016 by majority vote.

People knew his dependability and faithfulness.

They don't have equal qualities, and tend to choose survival mode.

José is like Willie.

They are both administrators with a focus to advance the gospel.

The world appears to have a hold on the people here. They don't appear ready to turn

their lives over to the Lord!

They prefer worldly goods bought with money received from oil spill cleanup.

José has responsibility for the oil spill workers from Argentina and Petroperu employees, who respect his godly character and example.

We asked José where he wanted to live. He quickly said "here!", meaning our property.



gloomy rainy season

The skeleton of our house waited four years for completion.

José will finish it for his own family, to live in privacy and peace and quiet, not known in the village.

Even at night music blares till sunrise and the revelers return home to sleep.

His obligation of one year service as chief will be fulfilled in July.

The lumber business and all its equipment are legally being turned over to him.

He will have income for his family and to advance the gospel.

"Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit; let the earth cause them both to sprout; I the LORD have created it."

Isaiah 45:8 ESV

Pray for the spiritual battle portrayed by the storm at the mouth of the river.

Two kingdoms clash.

"For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him."

Psalms 62:5 ESV

Love and blessings,
Willie & Paulette Strickland

mission completed in Peru
a native spiritual son continues on!