

Ticuna Bible Dedication  
April 29 & 30, 2023  
Cushillococha, Peru

On Sunday, April 30, 2023, the Ticuna Bible was dedicated to the Lord in the village of Cushillococha, Peru, with some 1,000 Ticunas in attendance.

It was the culmination of many long years of work as the first contact with the Ticuna people, now numbering more than 80,000, first took place in April 1953. Now, 70 years later, to the month, the complete Bible was dedicated to the Lord.

Attending were Wycliffe translators Lambert and Doris Anderson, now in their 90s, along with their 3 children, Betsy, Bert and Cam. Also attending were Ade & Rachel Yanac and Claudia Lazón from SIL Peru, four pastors from two of the Andersons' supporting churches, friends, several local missionaries, and the Governor of the Province of Ramon Castilla, which spans some 150 miles of the Amazon River. His words of congratulations to the Ticunas, who now have their own Bible, were an encouragement to all.

Of special note was Ticuna co-translator, Leonardo Witancort and his wife, Lilia who, over the years, have faithfully worked along with the Andersons' to produce the translation of the Bible into the Ticuna language.

The Ticunas love music and the program included a number of musical presentations, one of which was a Ticuna song sung by the more than 25 Ticuna pastors attending singing together.

And central to the dedication was the dedicatory prayer and Lambert's presentation of the first Bible to his faithful co-translator, Leonardo, who held it close to his heart and then to his head as he prayed.

In the evening some 1,000+ Ticunas gathered together on the village plaza to view the 80-minute Ticuna video 'God's Promise' which depicts God's undertaking for His people throughout the Bible, and culminates with an invitation by Ticuna pastor, Julio Perez, for the people to give their lives to the Lord and follow Him.

The Ticuna man in charge of sales has reported that 1,230 Bibles have already been sold and we would request your prayers for God's blessing as the Ticunas read His Word, now in their own language.

(Lambert and Doris Anderson)