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In 1998 we held our first Awa Conference in Lita---twenty years ago! We won't quickly forget that conference---we had just returned from Quito having welcomed baby Kimberly into our family. :-) This year Kimberly is turning 20....and we are right in the midst of preparing for the 21st Awa Conference! And this year, for the first time, at the request of Paulino and others, Conference will be held in the community of Palmira, in the new church building.



There is much to be done in the coming two weeks! Excitement is building as we make all the final preparations--the cement 'maestros' are putting in doors and windows and ceramic tiles, many are helping to gather rocks to prepare for cementing the front porch, a kitchen roof needs to be put up, and there are benches to be made.

We'll be meeting with the believers on Friday, March 30th, and then on Saturday, March 31st, the believers are inviting the whole community of Palmira to join us for a special time of 'inauguration' for the new church building. "Diosta Paikum Yal" (God's House of Prayer) will open with a special meeting day. A group of our Quichua friends have been invited to sing and share testimonies; and Paulino is looking for a cow to butcher, so that there will be plenty of food for all to enjoy. :-) Easter Sunday will be a quieter day, with just the smaller group of believers joining us.

We appreciate your prayers for this special time! There is much left to finalize. With all the rainy season wetness, the churchyard has been a soupy mess and even though the Awa are quite used to the mud, it is still hard to imagine a large crowd gathering there! We are praying that God will graciously send some drier weather before the end of the month. :-) And as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, we pray that God would prepare the hearts of the Awa in Palmira for understanding the significance of this special time.



Happy Easter to each of you as well! May you find joy in serving our risen Savior!

In HIS grip,

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