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A total of 35 souls were saved on this journey to Peru. Praise the Lord!

### Ministry Village I: Atuncocha

There were many children in the village, approx.40-50. There were about 18 adults and the Gospel was preached by Peruvian seminary student Juan. Debbie gave her testimony of how the Lord had brought her through her illnesses to minister to these precious people, to which the people clearly responded. Children's ministry was done by Ashton, Christina, Claire, Angie, Stacie, and Claudia (Richar's wife). Shauna said that these people were very interested and responsive to the Gospel. Jeff G. reported that 8 people had received salvation here. The children loved the balloons. We prayed for a sick baby as requested by the child's mother, but then found out that the mother was asking medicine for herself or possibly some other adult. We sensed through the Holy Spirit's leading that there was another person there who could not get to the meeting because of sickness who needed prayer. We found that it was a 100 year old woman who had been a Christian for 50 years and had what was perceived as pneumonia by Melinda due to the location of the pain in her lung, fever, and radiating pain. As a group of us prayed for her, she received us into her hut as if we were long lost family, and I suppose we are! The group praying was: Melinda, Shauna, Bethany, Angie, Aladino (Peruvian seminary student), and Claudia. It was frustrating to know that there was really no medicine we could provide for her lung infection. The Lord taught the nurse a lesson about His power and His provision-that prayer is most important, that He is able. We prayed peace and joy for her and she expressed gratitude to the Lord. A humbling experience.

### The Journey of the Jeffs-Ministry Village II

Near Pebas in the early afternoon, as Jeff stepped off the boat, a man ran down the hill at the military post full of joy and shouting "Praise the Lord Hallelujah!" The team that went was: Jeff G., Jeff H., Richar and Omar (the boat captain). A man from Santa Coreelo guarded the town while the people worked. This was the "man of light" who introduced himself as Seraphim. Jeff perceived that God had sent him, that he was God's messenger sent to help. His name means "Burning Light," or "burning one" in Hebrew. At Romansa, 9 believers got baptized. The governor and his wife were baptized as well!

### The Speed Boat Journey-Ministry Village III

A group of us went on a speed boat down a tributary of the Napo into unreached territory. It included Jeff G., Richard, Claudia, Debbie, Carol, Christina, Melinda, Aladino and Omar. We took the "open door to the left" as we were met by a group of people on a boat who we gave materials to, they went on their way. Then a man was in a boat alone in a cove, we stopped and Jeff got permission to go on to the village of Caymito. A little girl named Rosa met us as we stopped there. Then her mother came up behind us in her fishing boat. Jeff said that God was giving a very important message for these people. The governor appeared and talked with Jeff saying, "welcome, you have come in the name of the Divine Being." These had never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

33 people showed up inside the school building. Richar preached the Gospel to them after we sang songs with all. There were 19 decisions for Christ there. We did children's ministry with balloon animals and bubbles. What struck me was that the adult women loved the bubbles too and it brought them such joy. An older woman giggled like a child! Precious. When we left, the people entrusted us to take 2 little boys to the next village by boat, an older child about 12 years old and a younger boy who was very sick, about 3 years old. We left as it was beginning to rain. We worshipped God in the boat with guitar and songs on the way back to our boat.

#### Ministry Village IV:

We ministered at the school building to 18 people. Aladino preached the Gospel after we sang songs as did Richar. Angie gave an incredible testimony of her family and was very effective. All of us did children's ministry-there was no one who did not participate. We took pictures of people and showed them the pictures. We said that a Polaroid camera would be the things to have here the next time perhaps. We prayed for a woman with fever and pain all over, then gave her 6 Ibuprofen and she was grateful and even smiled joyfully. Again, it was a humbling experience.

#### Ministry Village V: Santa Cruz I

There were 5 adults and 73 children present! The teacher for the children received salvation. The governor was present and heard the Gospel preached. It was exciting first to see the children all run to greet us and then to see 73 children running down the hill to the school building to hear us!

#### Ministry Village VI: Santa Cruz II

Here Jeff stopped to pray for a crippled man who had broken his hip several months ago and is not able to walk. Jeff G., Shauna, Jeff H., and Carol prayed in the hut for the man. Others prayed outside the man's room for his healing.

#### Ministry Village VII: Pomp Hermosa

Last night, we all prayed for strength and the Lord let us know that when we are weak He is strong. We knew we could do nothing in our own strength, nothing at all. All of us, in spite of feeling less than 100% hiked into the village of Pomp Hermosa about 20 minutes into the jungle. We found the people gathered already at a public meeting, which was the perfect opportunity to preach the Gospel to the entire village! Jeff had been there before, but had not been able to talk to everyone at once. 4 men accepted Christ. This is where we took a group photo on the log bridge. During this ministry time, Debbie and Angie again gave their testimonies, Jilbe (seminary student) preached the Gospel as did Richard. We all did children's ministry giving key chains, balloon animals, and Slinkys (that Claire had brought) to all the people. I (Melinda) was particularly drawn to minister to a 15 year old young man sitting there and he received the gifts as well.