

April Mission Trip to Pevas and San Francisco

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REPORT

The purpose of this trip was discipleship and leadership development. We travelled to Pevas on Wednesday arriving around 11:00 am. Our first stop was in Mangual, where we invited the people to go to Sta. Lucia that afternoon for the conference. After stopping in Pevas to collect the supplies that we had sent by lancha, we went to Sta. Lucia. There we shared lunch with them and had a brief conference. Richar taught the leadership while Aladino taught the church and Ivan and Jake played with the kids. After the conference, we went to Casa de la Loma and spent the night.

The next morning we travelled to Sta. Rosa and met with the churches of that community and Sta. Isabel. We were greeted by approximately 50 children and about 20 adults. As in Sta. Lucia, Richar met with Bro. Jesus while Aladino met with the adults. That night we travelled to San Francisco to spend the night. Richar preached in the church there on the nature of the local church out of the book of Ephesians.

On Friday morning, we went to Remanso. They had invited Condor to come to Remanso but no one came. Nonetheless, we ministered to several children and adults as Richar focused on the leadership and Aladino on the discipleship while Ivan and Jake played with the children. We returned to Iquitos in the afternoon.

CONCLUSION

Sta. Lucia is a strong church that is meeting on a regular basis for worship and bible study. They are regularly practicing the Lord's Supper and baptism. I think that they are capable of leading the ministry in the Pevas area with our guidance and that Wedgwood should plan to pull out of that area. We will develop a leadership development curriculum to continue with the pastoral training and return every 4-6 weeks to teach the pastors.

Mangual is a weak church with few believers. However, they are meeting regularly but still need a lot more discipleship. I recommend that we put Sta. Lucia in charge of the discipleship and ministry in that community.

Piri does not have a church nor bible study group. Our national brothers did not feel led to go there on this trip and it seems like we will be pulling out of there for now. Hopefully, Sta. Lucia and Mangual can be effective there in the future.

Sta. Rosa and Sta. Isabel are under the leadership of Bro. Jesus. After a lot of work, there is a church meeting in Jesus' house every week. They are slowly building a church building in Sta. Rosa, but as of right now, only have the frame. There are approx. 10 believers in Sta. Rosa and unknown in Sta. Isabel. I recommend that we implement our discipleship program here and that Wedgwood focus on this community to be the lead church in the area.

Condor and Remanso have weekly bible study groups and leaders but no pastors. They are weak and need much discipleship. We will continue the discipleship and leadership development in these communities.

Everything considered, the communities are doing well but they lack mature leadership that is able to teach the people. Therefore, although there are believers in each community, there are a few that are spiritually mature enough to feed themselves or lead. As mentioned already, we are developing a discipleship/leadership development program that will be intentionally training the pastors and teaching basic Christian doctrines to the churches, as well as, a simple bible study approach so each person is able to effectually study the Bible.

I recommend that Wedgwood focus its trips on the 4 churches in the San Francisco area especially in the community of Sta. Rosa and also begin work in 2-3 new villages in that area, perhaps returning to the Colchiquinas River.