

August 15, 2009

All have arrived safely in Iquitos. The team is rested and is happy to see many familiar faces. After meeting Jeff Holeman in Lima and delivering suitcases of supplies for fellow missionaries, we got on the flight to Iquitos. The first day was spent resting and shopping for the medical supplies we are taking to the villages. We attended a church service with both congregations we are serving with at Pastor Leopoldo's church. Jake Glover preached a wonderful message in Spanish and was well received! The progress on the new Seminary is wonderful. Much work has been done since March and is now 2 stories tall. They are very excited to have Bible classes going as the construction continues.

Today we have been able to shop for the food and hammocks we are taking with us to the jungle. The crowded and busy markets are quite a cultural experience! We will be spending the evening with a new missionary couple in Iquitos, Jeremy and Crystal Nelson. As Jake and Dodie Glover prepare to move here in the fall, they are needing to find housing and establish new relationships, so this time has been a blessing for their transition.

Thank you for your continued prayers. We will attend Pastor Richar's church in the morning and board the boat to Apayacu. Our brothers and sisters in Christ send their love! Please pray for travel on the river, continued health, good communication and open doors!

In Him,

Julia Laing and team

August 16, 2009

Today was productive... Pastor Richar took us to the open air market where we met up with his mother-in-law, Estel, Ivan and Aladino. Grocery shopping Peruvian style is a multi-sensory experience! A few things on our shopping list: hammocks, 30 pounds of potatoes (picked out by hand) and probably twice as much rice. Estel will be cooking for the team this week and she knows how to shop! We enjoyed a great home cooked meal at the Nelson's (Jeremy and Crystal) and had some great fellowship time with some of their friends from their home church in VA (They just finished a volunteer trip in the mountains) along with Leah (a nurse with the Extreme Team- I was able to talk medical with her, which was great!) and Mindy, a Journeyman from Lima. It was a blessing! Tomorrow we will be at Pastor Richar's church and then we are "hitting the river"! Our first stop will be the village of Apayacu. This also happens to Ivan's home village.

Please, pray for safety, continued health, rest when needed, the peruvian families that are staying behind for the week, sensitivity to the Spirit, and the hearts of the Yagua!

Good night from las Amazonas!

Amy Harless and the team

August 19, 2009

Julia texted the following message from Pebas.

Great visit in Santa Lucia! The curaca's (chief's) wife accepted Christ. Held deep Bible study with the women and good teaching to the leaders.

Good visit to Piri. Off to Mangual and San Francisco next.

Explored new river and made a good contact.

All are healthy. Great teamwork. The Lord is at work!

August 23, 2009

The team has returned safely from the Amazon. We visited 8 villages during our 5 days along the Amazon. One of the 8 villages was a new village and was untouched by the gospel. As we ministered to each village, we song praise-worship songs, Richar presented a bible lesson, and we feed the village a meal. There were 2 professions of faith and many seeds planted. In 3 villages, we were able to administer some medical needs by providing some medications on a case by case need. The team also focused on evaluating how we can further extend more medical attention to these areas in future mission trips to the Amazon.

As we have come this far, the team wants to thank you for your continue prays. They did not go unnoticed. All 10 members (both Peruvians and Americans) returned safely and unharmed except for the small critter bits. God's hand was seen in all aspects of our trip this week and it is only through your faithfulness in interceding in praying. We look forward to sharing a full report upon our return to the church.

Continue to pray for the team as we start our journey back to DFW. Also, keep the Peruvians (Richar and company) in your prayers as we leave them behind in continuing our joint effort in reaching the lost along the Amazon. We leave in the morning for Lima and should officially be back in DFW on Monday, 8-24, mid-morning. Give all glory and praise to God!!!

Kim Slovacek and the Team