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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

Yurimaguas, Peru



Vicky, Sarah, and I flew into Ecuador on the 9th of June. Vicky and I spent two days furnishing a guest room in the back of the church where visiting preachers could stay. On Saturday, we took a bus to Guayaquil where we were scheduled to leave for Lima, Peru, the following day. However, the Lima flight was cancelled and rescheduled for late that afternoon, putting us behind a day. We were due to fly on to Tarapoto upon arrival in Peru. Missing our flights also meant having to purchase new tickets for Vicky, myself, and Susan Holowecky, our missionary host. These tickets cost us an extra \$560 on a different airline in addition to losing the value of our missed flights. LAN, now LATAM airlines, refuses to compensate us for the lost tickets and the new ones we had to purchase. We will do our best to avoid using them in the future if possible.

On Monday, we flew to Tarapoto then made a two and a half hour trip through the Andes Mountains to the small town of Yurimaguas. The trip, though very beautiful, made Vicky car sick from the countless hairpin turns and up and down motion that came with traveling through the mountains. What made it worse was that the taxi drivers, all very experienced, saw this as sort of a personal grand prix training run with the two of us sliding back and forth across the back seat with every one of the countless turns. Vicky spent the night in our hotel room fighting the effects of the drive and a sore throat. That evening, I taught our first session to a group of local pastors and church leaders who lacked

formal Bible training. This group was made up of Mestizos, people of both Spanish and indian ethnicity that we find all over South America. We had about **20 in attendance with more joining us as the week progressed.**

On Tuesday during the day, I taught a group of about **30** Shawi indians who had made the journey down river.



Some of the indians brought their families on the trip which took a day or two on the river in dugout canoes. The women and children took to Vicky very quickly—pictured below are a few of them. Susan remarked to me that seeing them dressed in clothes was a major change! When she first visited the tribe a few years ago, they were still without clothing. Although the women were not well educated, they sat in the back and listened when





the children napped. Many of the men, as well, did not have much beyond a third grade education. They were all anxious to learn all they could, however, sitting on



hard benches for six hours each day. Some of the families stayed with friends each night while others slept on the floor or in hammocks in the back of the church.



Susan sent me a few photos of what life is like for them in the villages. We are planning to lead a short-term team to Peru next

summer and will spend some time in the villages.



Typical Shawi village

We don't have a



Long dug-out canoes



Shawi family dwelling

church yet to help sponsor the program which costs about \$1200 to \$1300 each session, not counting

our cost of being there to help teach. Although this is the most expensive program we have, I can't help feeling that training these Shawi indians will pay rich dividends once they graduate and are able to help train others in their remote villages. Could you stand with us and prayerfully consider helping with this project? If you desire to do so, simply mark your gifts "Shawi" and we'll see that it goes to that account. We will need about 30 more sessions to complete their program. **Together we can make a difference!**

It does not seem possible that next month is December already. God has done so much in our lives this past year, and I pray you can say the same! He is a faithful God! As we look to the end of this year, there are a couple of burdens that lie heavy on my heart. At this moment, we still do not have a church or business willing to help us underwrite the CTC program in Haiti, where there are nearly 90 students waiting for a sponsor. This will be one of our least expensive programs. In addition, we need help with the program in Peru, our most expensive program, but one that may well pay the richest dividends. Please consider doing something special as you consider your year-end giving! You are always in my prayers, and we wish you multiplied blessings throughout the holiday season! Remember Jesus is the reason! **TOGETHER WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!!**

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