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Preparing for the 30+ hour boat trip from Pucallpa to Saasa

## ADVENTURES IN PERU - Part 1

### City of Pucallpa, Amazon

On December 26, my assistant Letty and I arrived in the Amazon Jungle after three weeks of traveling through predominantly dry areas at altitudes of up to 12,500 feet.

Together with our ministry team, Pastors Walter and Louisa, and 19-year old native Ghina, we planned to leave on Dec 28 at 5:00 AM with Pastor Alfredo as our guide on the 30+ hour boat ride to the secluded native village of Saasa, where we had established a native church three years ago. The village is a 6-day walk or a 1-1/2 day boat ride away and there is no way to communicate with the village. The boat trip from Saasa to the city of Pucallpa, or if the water levels are too low, the walk through jungle can both be very dangerous. There are wild animals, poisonous snakes and spiders in the jungle, and there is the real possibility of physical attacks in the city. The rivers we travel often

have very treacherous currents. Huge logs and other obstacles may block the way and quite often the propeller of the boat gets damaged.

### Indigenous Aguaruna Tribal Village of Saasa

We traveled by boat from the city of Pucallpa to the tiny village (25 indigenous families) of Saasa, located close to the Brazilian border. We left the jungle city on the Ucayali River in a small boat with no roof, no toilet, no lights or proper seating. The boat was loaded with foam mattresses, mosquito nets, books, bedding, gifts, and clothing to give away, as well as enough food provisions to last for three months.

We spent the night on a sandbank where we were able to anchor our very primitive boat. After anchoring, the native men went hunting. Whatever they caught became part of our dinner. On my first trip their first catch, using a very primitive spear, was a poisonous

snake and a stingray – delicious to eat. This trip the first catch was a wild pig, a wild bird and a turtle.

The Marriage Ministry class which Pastor Alfredo taught in Saasa resulted in four couples getting married. These couples have seen that the blessing of the



Pastor Alfredo, his wife Theolinda, with Monica (middle)

Lord has been missing from their homes because they were not honoring the Lord. All couples have now testified to changed lives. Pastor Alfredo's wife, Theolinda, has been instructing the women on how to be good wives and how to raise children in the admonition of the Lord. She has also taught beading, lovingly given counsel to women and trained them to be Sunday school teachers.

We met in church daily, sometimes twice. These hidden people are slow to learn and it takes dedication and stamina to go about the Lord's business in the tropical heat. There are such big gaps in the bamboo or wooden planks of our huts that all kinds of critters get in and disturb our sleep – at Pastor Alfredo's house a poisonous snake came in the first day of our visit. Our clothes are damp when we put them on in the morning as they hang on strings along the inside walls, and we must search them for hidden spiders before we put them on.

Rain forests are aptly named – there is so much rain. During the day the sun is merciless. There are no roads. Walking the muddy path to the wash place or to the outhouse can be a real balancing act, especially at night with only a flashlight as your guide. But we persevered!

A 14-year old youth went fishing, hoping to present his father with a big fish on the day his parents returned from graduation at Bible school. He swam below a shrub growing on the river bank, and when he lifted his head, a snake fell on him. In less than an hour, before anyone else could be reached, he died in the arms of his aunt.

Chief Eduardo now forbids any use of alcohol, resulting in a few people leaving Saasa.

Three couples, whom we assisted financially for two years during their study, have graduated or received certificates from the Swiss Mission in Pucallpa. They are now waiting for assignment to other places of need and for the opportunity to put what they have learned into practice. They are trusting God for the needed resources to travel to different regions and get started.

For New Years Day the Lord had provided rich wild game. It was served on banana leaves with caterpillars that were served both raw and in a soup. A mime play of the woman caught in adultery and a fight between good and evil demonstrated vividly what the people had learned from the Bible.

All of us were challenged in different sports, and in spear throwing! Most children know how to use a spear with accuracy. Me? I proved to be quite the source of entertainment as I missed the mark every time and made everyone laugh. During the New Year's Day games in an open field, native men talking to Pastor Walter noticed a poisonous snake raising its head about a foot behind Pastor Walter. They asked him not to move, went up behind him to distract the snake and killed it with a machete. Thank you God!

The Holy Spirit prompted me to assign Pastors Walter and Louisa, as well as 19-year old Ghina, to serve in Saasa until mid-March when public school begins again.



Caterpillar soup and venison for the New Year's Day feast



Top left: Pastor Alfredo's son, Jefferson, throwing the spear. Bottom left: Me, entertaining everyone with my lack of prowess in spear-throwing. Above: Pastor Walter and his wife Louisa outside the public school in Saasa.

### Wawas Fore Andes

We are about to launch a School of Discipleship in a house which has been loaned to us by a local widow. This program is for everyone who has completed the 6-month basic training with Pastors Walter and Louisa. Letty and Monica are also team-teaching "religion" at public schools.

Their first disciple was Vice Chief Jose, director of the public school. He, like many, had been in a traditional church with a yearning to know our God. The Vice Chief received Jesus during my first visit two years ago and has since become a changed man. The Holy Spirit has given him a confidence and a sensitivity to the things of God.

He has become a great motivator, inspiring spiritual hunger and thirst for God in others.

A spider, with legs the length of our fingers, fell from the ceiling onto Monica's back as she bent over. Praise God! The spider then fell from her back to the floor! Friends like you are praying for God's protection on us, and He answers! *Psalms 91*



Our welcome to Wawas



A transformed Mirta (center) with her mother (right)

Many school children are under the influence of negative traditions. When things don't go well people seek the witch-doctor, the shaman, the "healer." Instead of the promised healing and freedom from their troubles they become demonized. The traditional "cure" would include an herb drink called *ayahuashca*. This drink brings about hallucinations. When a person begins to vomit and has contortions, the healers proclaim that they are driving the demon out. Here is the story of 16-year old Mirta and her miraculous deliverance. According to her mother, Mirta woke up crying and screaming and beating her head in pain. She became so violent that no one could contain her. Neighbors suggested that she be taken to the witch doctor. Mirta's mother, who had been discipled by our workers, decided to instead call Pastor Walter.

When Pastor Walter began to pray in the Spirit, the girl began to get violent again and a demon spoke through her in a man's voice, "What have I done to you?" Demons recognize the Christ in us. Mirta fell on the floor and moved like a snake while foaming at the mouth. With few words the pastor commanded the demons to come out and they left her. The pastor anointed her with oil. Mirta's deliverance was lasting and brought forth ultimate transformation.



3 Aguaruna native couples graduate from Bible School



Village boys pulling my raft to the village of Wawas

*Thanks and peace to all of you who walk in Christ's way and have contributed so generously to these missions. Keep your guard up! You are not the only ones plunged into hard times. Keep a firm grip on the faith. The suffering won't last forever. God has glorious plans for us and will unify us for good. He has the last Word. To Him be all praise.*

*In Him,  
Kitty*

## Coming next month! ADVENTURES IN PERU - Part 2

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit among the Native people.
- Workers to be sent into the harvest among the Aguaruna tribal people.
- The promised provision for this vision.
- Resources for native theology graduates to travel to different regions and to start churches.
- Protection on Kitty's travels and missions to Malaysia and China.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

- Kuala Lumpur, Capital of Malaysia: Feb 3 - 10
- China: Feb 11 - March 2
- Malaysia: March 3 - April 3
- Indonesia, Australia: April 4 - May 22
- Chico, USA: May 23 - June 14
- Tampa, Florida: June 14 - 17
- Germany, DR Congo: June 18 - end of Sept