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A journey to the edge of civilization

Finally it worked out. For several years we accompanied students from the tribe of Yora. This is a small tribe from the south of Sepahua with about 450 inhabitants. This tribe lives next to the nature reserve and is one of the last communities who made the step from the protected area to civilization. They now live in the sphere of influence of Western thinking for only about 30 years. About 30 km south of their village, two tribes are still living without contact to the outside world in the jungle. With these there have been variously more or less friendly contacts.

The Yora's way of thinking is very different from ours. That made this visit so valuable. Although we got to know some families for some time on our base in Cashibo, we had to get to know them again in their own social and cultural environment, where we as strangers needed their help. Dorothea, Beat and Valeria, a Peruvian nurse made this trip together. We tried in advance to prepare as well as possible.

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So we practiced about ten worship songs translated to Yora. That was not easy, but it was a great door opener to these valuable people. We were able to carry out daily programs for children, women and men. Of course, not everything always ran according to our ideas, and yet it was very appealing to the people. We were able to experience a very cordial fellowship with these brothers and sisters and they provided us daily with wonderful bananas and fish, also Chicha a corn drink was not missing. Once Beat went fishing and they came back with more than 20 pounds of fish, totally soaked. At the moment there is rainy season, which means it rains more or less every day.

So we said goodbye on Sunday after a failed service. One of the pastors who trained as a pastor in Cashibo, then chauffeured us with his family in a canoe to Sepahua, a journey of about 10 hours, in wind, sun and rain.

Arrived in this small jungle town we could shower again with clean water and enjoy a pasta dish. Tomorrow we have the scheduled flight to Pucallpa with a small plane and look forward to meet our children again after 10 days of tribal experiences. We are so grateful for the help of Lea, who came from Switzerland to look after our children.

Now we will spend the Christmas days at the mission station and in the last days of the year we will start as a whole family for a two week tribal stay. We will visit the village of Pachacutec, of which we have already reported many times. Thank you very much if you think of us in prayer.

Now a heartfelt thank you to all who support us in this work, whether in prayer or finances. Also many thanks for the nice cards and package with delicacies from the homeland. We are always happy about it.

With kind regards and God's blessing
Family Aregger

PS: Attentive readers may now realize that we have already reported in the last letter from the Yora tribe. But this was a mistake. In the last letter we reported about the Wampis tribe on the river Morona. Please excuse the confusion.

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Fishing in the rain

Culture change

For the tribe of Yora it is a great challenge to find their way in this time of change. The old culture with its values disappears more and more. Their life's are more versatile and challenging with money, medicine, school, electronics, travel and much more. In all this change, we see that faith in Jesus Christ is the answer. He gives people values and direction but also hope and comfort. So we rejoiced even more than at the end of our visit 16 adults wanted to be baptized, and so gave their lives in Jesus' hands. Their great hope is that there will soon be the Bible in their language. Three older ladies from the USA, by profession Linguists still diligently work on this project and hope that next year a part of the Bible will be finished translated. They are very happy that after many years of work, a Christian church is slowly forming.



The fishes in the river Mishaua are very big



The village of Santa Rosa de Serenjali on the river Mishaua



The village elder lived still as a nomad in the jungle



The gas company built new houses for the whole village

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The children are waiting for the children's program



Lea arrived from Switzerland, took care of the kids



Hacking with the women



Invited to lunch with Rafael and Violetta



Church service in the assembly building of the village



Baptism in the river