

„Strebt vor allem anderen nach seinem Reich und nach seinem Willen,
dann wird Gott euch das alles schenken.“

Mattäus 6;33



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Dear friends

It's March and we are right before the arrival of nearly 40 students and their families. But, step by step, in the last Newsletter, the students had just left. So far arrived all well in their communities. Some have reported on their arrival by phone or by radio and told us how thankful they are for the great support they have received at the mission station, during the 4 months. Others we haven't heard anything; this might be a good sign. And few, we've heard of steps away from God. This hurts, but we pray and hope.

Then it got a little quieter on the base. We took four days off and travelled to the next town. We went swimming, waterfall climbing, took us time to read and enjoyed good Peruvian food.

Then came up our next project; driving licence. One might think this should be possible just by the way, but unfortunately not here in Peru. It takes a huge effort: filling the forms, translating certificates, and all in the right size, with the right

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number of copies, presenting in the right office, in the right order. But praise God. After more than 20 trips in to town, many phone calls, many friendly conversations and an intensive course in Peruvian culture, we finally passed in February. We were surprised that we got the driver's license a few days after the practical test. As it declared a poster that it would take 30 days until you receive your licence after passing all the exams. So the officer visibly proud and with a broad smile on his face asked, how many days we have been waiting for now? Nearly we classified the whole procedure as a chicane, but as it turned out here, we were actually in favour of these officials because they could treat you different

Unfortunately, a tribal journey has not been possible as it was planned. I felt very sorry.

But there was training in January and a Conference in February, and the preparations started for the upcoming Bible School. The students and their families are already travelling and there is again a lot to do. We look forward to interesting people with fascinating stories.

So we pray that we can bring the love of the living God closer to these people.

We hope this specially in turbulent time for them. Many Indian villages are overrun by progress. International companies looking for oil, gas or gold and build roads in the most remote areas and bring almost overnight all the progress and all the decadence.

The Christians here are challenged and are very grateful for your support.

We wish you a beautiful spring, with many encouragements and an eye for the detail.

With God's blessing and a warm hug
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Learn subtle differences of cultures

In January Beat attended a course on intercultural cooperation. Here you learn basically about the culture and lifestyle of the indigenous. The style of the course was very military, with survival training in the jungle, chicken slaughter, fishing and hunting. But we had also theoretical courses and a course in an indigenous language. It was very interesting and opened my eyes in different aspects. Finally, the course showed me clearer the philosophy of life of the Kakataibo Indians. In several occasions in the past I've been surprised that the Indians hardly used the word Gracias- Thank you, if you give them something. But in fact, doesn't exist a word like "Thank you" in their language. Or on the question; "How are you?" they say; „I'm fine", or „I'm sick". The options „not too bad" or „I feel bad" does not exist. This view into their language shows us a lot about their way of thinking! Only when you're sick, you're not fine. And „I'm sick" actually means for them „deathly ill". Until recently fever was a very serious symptom still and often it ended with the death. Meanwhile, it has health stations in many parts of the Amazon, where antibiotics are given so infections can be treated. But this fact is not yet in their way of thinking and certainly not yet in their way of speaking. This understanding has led us to be encouraged to look out for the subtle differences of our cultures, to avoid misunderstandings. This issue of cultural differences is getting more and more important for you too with the current refugee situation.



The Peruvian daily



The children had an exciting week during the conference



A captive Pirania



Overnight in the jungle



The group intercultural cooperation



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Everyday life



Dorothea also had a very interesting time during my absence. She not only had to organize the home and to be with the kids. Because different missionaries went on tribal journeys, or on vacations, she had a variety of pets and children as guests. By the way, she helped along with solving numerous of computer problems, caused by the change of the E-mail server of the mission. Our children experience Cashibo very good. Elischa and Joel enjoy to go to school and both are making independently their homework. Both make progress in math and reading. And Elischa already started with English classes. For Silas life isn't so serious. He goes to preschool, or kindergarten, and also plays a lot with Peruvian children, so he speaks quite a bit of Spanish. So quite often it happens he speaks to us in Spanish. Overall, they experience the time here with a lot of joy. Except it overwhelmed one or the other with homesickness, then some tears are flowing. In these moments we are enjoying, for example a fondue that we've got from friends from Switzerland. This tastes great on a rainy day where the temperature drops to 25 degrees. At this point, many thanks for all the signs of unity by mail, SMS, WhatsApp, Skype and E-mail. Not forgetting the loyal and generous financial support and everything bear in prayer. We are extremely indebted to you, and can't repay. But may the Lord reward you richly and give you „Shalom“.

