

## THE PERÚ CORNER

### Anxiety and fear

You're walking along a path through a peaceful forest. You have walked this way many, many times before. But this time is different. As you walk, night is closing in. The shadows lengthen and the path has been plunged into a gloomy darkness below the trees. Things that moments ago looked like trees, bushes, or rocks now take on a more sinister aspect. Fear starts tying a knot in your stomach. What was that noise? Did something just move over there?

All of us feel fear at some point. Whether it's something like walking through a forest in the dark, or worries about family, relationships, or work, all of us feel it. Some fear can be a good thing. For instance, fear of a snarling dog keeps us from getting bit. Anxiety about an upcoming appointment can motivate us to prepare well. The trouble comes when we let this fear and anxiety consume us; when we let worries about how something will turn out, or what other people think prevent us from living the life God has planned for us. The Bible says in Isaiah 41:13 "For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you." We should take this message to heart. God is here for us and he will make sure everything turns out the way he has planned, we just need to trust him.

There is a lot of fear in the villages here. Most of this is caused by superstition and belief in old customs. These fears stretch back generations and affect al-

most every part of their lives. The way they interact with people, and accepting new ways of doing things, all suffer as a result. When you meet and talk with these people the fear can be seen in their eyes. It is sad, but we can help. By sharing the truth of Christ with these people we can break the hold that fear has. When they learn that Jesus is more powerful than anything else, and that he loves them, they can start to live their lives truly free, free of fear.



That forest path still looks frightening. You stop and take a deep breath, then you pray. Not a long prayer, just a short talk with your heavenly father. As you look up you remember a verse you learned many years ago. Suddenly the shadows, which are still there, are just bushes and trees, nothing frightening. You continue along your way. In another few minutes you see the cheerful lighted windows of your home welcoming you as you turn the last corner.

*Nathan Roe*

## PROGRAM UPDATES

Our Bible worker Elvio and his wife are heading up the river from their work in Estrecho to a new village to continue to spread the good news of Jesus' soon coming. Please pray for this missionary couple and the peoples of Estrecho and Santa Marta.

Doctor Eddy and Brandon have finished medical campaigns in three of our districts now. The last few weeks they have been donating their time and skills to work at the Ana Stahl Clinic in Iquitos. They also participated in the outreach that the clinic had coordinated with another group of doctors who came down from Colorado with Centura Health. They worked in various villages on the Amazon River and also brought some patients to the Clinic for surgeries. This week they will spend here on the airbase, with a couple days of medical outreach in coordination with the local pastor, before they head out to the river again for various medical campaigns with pastor Rosendo. As a side note, Brandon came down with a tropical disease while they were working on the Pui-nahua River, but we were able to pick him and Eddy up and fly them to the Ana Stahl Clinic in Iquitos for treatment. They are not 100% sure what he had contracted but believe it to be a form of dengue. He is much better now, praise God.

Closer to home, or Pucallpa as the case is, Chris and Amy have some news that perhaps many of you have not yet heard. Amy is currently 8 months pregnant and they are expecting their first child in the first week of June or so.



The Cessna received another annual inspection and some minor maintenance and is up and operative ready to serve as needed. The Lake amphibian has seen some action lately as well, from a woman who had her leg thoroughly smashed by an armadillo trap to a young boy bit by a gergon viper.

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Pastor Rosendo and Nathan spent 10 days visiting the distant village of Coshireni on the Brazil border where the pastor encouraged and trained the church members to carry on missionary work in the neighboring villages. They returned full of insect bites and ready for a shower, but in good spirits. On the return flight we were also able to evacuate a woman who was having problems in her pregnancy along with her young boy.

## REPORTS FROM THE FRONTLINE

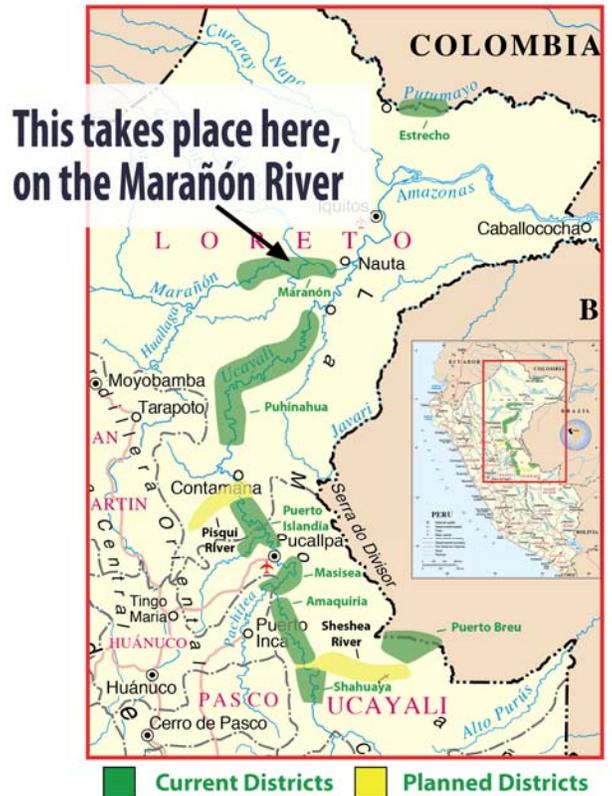
“I feel terrible, my heart hurts; it feels like something is pricking my chest. I need some medicine...” the young man said as he waited to be attended by the Adventist doctor during the medical campaign in San Jose de Parinari on the Marañón River.

“Tell me what the pain is like that you are feeling and when it hurts” I asked. So the young man began to tell me that not long ago his mother had died. Every time he thought about his mother he felt a deep affliction and the pains would begin again in his chest. I recognized that it was not a physical problem that this young man was suffering with, but a psychological and spiritual problem. So I told him, “what you need is not a doctor, but a pastor.” We started to talk, we read God’s Word, and finally we prayed together. During this time the young man felt relieved and encouraged. When we were done he thanked me for the attention he had received and left, saying that he no longer needed to talk with the doctor because he felt better.

This is just one example of the many people that live troubled lives in different villages in the jungle. Some really have physical problems, but others simply live tormented by their worries. They don’t have peace in their hearts and this is sometimes manifested in physical pains.

We are reminded once again of the importance of the medical missionary work and of the need to attend to the physical as well as spiritual infirmities of the people.

*Pastor Rosendo Aguirre*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 8:** A colleague of Dr. Eddy's who is training to be a physical therapist will arrive next week and the medical team will be on the move again, conducting medical campaigns in 4 more districts over the course of the next several weeks

## FINANCIAL NEEDS

\$350	Sponsor Bible work in a district for a month
\$300	Donate a medical emergency flight
\$ 60	Sponsor a wedding so that a couple can be baptized
\$750	Support the construction of a new chapel
\$ 60	Sponsor one pastoral visit into the remote jungle
\$ 12 each	Bibles for evangelism work
Unknown	Costs involved to import the tractor and shipping container

## PRAYER PARTNERS

We are thankful for the many and varied opportunities that God has given us to minister to others here. From the ministry that pastor Rosendo and our Bible workers are able to offer in the villages, to the ability to help with medical problems (whether through emergency flights or personal attention from a volunteer doctor), to the day to day interactions we each have as we go about our work, God blesses us tremendously as we reach out to help his children. Please pray with us as we consider different facets and ways of expanding the training we offer here as yet another means of ministry.

### Current Prayer Needs & Praises

- For the character of Christ to dwell in each one of us
- For God's guidance as we consider some long term plans for the program
- Safety and God's guidance for the pastor, missionaries and medical team as they travel and minister.
- Tractor importation and preparations
- Runway restrictions

If you sense God calling you to this prayer ministry, please visit our website for our continually updated [prayer list](#).

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**Romans 10:14-15** How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?

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