

The Kuna missionaries just came back from Diwarsikua bringing needed supplies and hope. This was the first trip the team had made since the flood destroyed the village in December. They had tried several times to return to Diwarsikua after the flood but each attempt was stopped. The Kuna missionaries that took this trip were Soleil Ortega, Hortenciano Martinez, Maxi and Kathy Perez, and Pastor Roosevelt and his wife Inez. This is a report from Pastor Roosevelt:

We left at 12 noon and arrived at Diwarsikua at 6PM. We encountered a lot of strong winds and a lot of water coming into the canoe. The weather made the trip there very long.

As we traveled to the village, we noticed the river was totally different. The river was narrower and dry. When we arrived we could not get to the place where we tie up the canoe. It was full of sand. We had to tie up the canoe further away.

We started walking to the village after unloading the canoe. Everywhere we looked was sand. The grass had been replaced by sand from the flood. It looked like a desert. When we saw the village we were heart broken. It looked like a ghost town. The huts were full of sand or totally destroyed.

After the flood we had heard the Church had been destroyed. But, praise God the Church is still standing. The Church was built on a small hill with its floor about four feet off the ground. The huts around the Church were destroyed.

There are about three huts that are still livable. They belong to Ana (a believer and where we kept our supplies), a Chief and the Chief's son. The Chief and his son huts are used to have school.

The rest of the village moved up the mountain. The new huts are very small. There is no water on the mountain so the women have to travel down the mountain and carry their water back up the mountain on their backs. They lost their food supply. There is no fish in the river and they lost their chickens. Their plantains and yucca have been destroyed. This is their main food source.

They can not replant where the village was because of all the sand. They will have to go further into the jungle where there is good soil to replant their crops. Then it will take a year or more before their crop is ready to eat. They are in real need of help.

I (Pastor Roosevelt) asked one of the Chiefs: What did you do when the flood started?

Chief: We started praying to God. He is the only one that can help us.

Pastor Roosevelt: Does the village have enough strong Christians to teach the Bible to the rest of the village?

Chief: No, we need a Pastor to live with us and teach us.

Pastor Roosevelt: Do you want to move the Church up the mountain?

Chief: No, we want to keep the Church where it is. We can go down the mountain to Church.

Pastor Roosevelt: Why don't you use the Church to have school instead of the Chiefs hut.

Chief: There are three teachers that have been sent to us that have no place to sleep. The Church is where they are sleeping.

Before the flood, Pastor Victor and his family lived in the village. He was teaching the new believers and disciplining two of the Chiefs. One of the Chiefs he had been disciplining told me (Pastor Roosevelt) he wanted to be baptized. I told him in two weeks we will return to the village and bring Pastor Victor with us then he can baptize you.

Diwarsikua still has a lot of their old traditions that goes against God's word. We have to consecrate on the kids. They are the ones that are going to break the old Kuna traditions and live accordingly to God's word. To break these traditions and see good fruit we have to have a good committed Pastor to work with them. Pastor Victor is a good Christian man that loves God, His word and His people. I (Pastor Roosevelt) will talk to Victor about committing a year of his live and his family's lives to serving in Diwarsikua as their full time Pastor.

This was the report Pastor Roosevelt gave Soul Seekers Ministry.

Soul Seekers Ministry will be taking a team into Diwarsikua July 9, 2011. If you would like to be part of that team, please let me know.

If you would like to make a donation for the trip or commit to supporting Pastor Victor and his family, in the memo line of your check indicate how you would like your donation to be used.

If you would like Soul Seekers Ministry to be a part of your VBS, we would love to share with the children and the Church the work God is doing in Diwarsikua. If you have any extra VBS craft materials or study materials in Spanish we would love to take them to the children in the village.

If your church would like to take up needed supplies for the village they will be greatly appreciated. We can not take any kind of liquid products. We can take school supplies (no glue), tooth brushes, travel size tooth paste, children underwear, brushes, combs, hair items for little girls, needle and tread, and neck ties. The Chiefs loves neck ties and we have to get permission from the Chiefs to get into their village. The neck ties helps.