

Soul Seekers Ministry



Blessed are the feet of those
who bring good news. - Romans 10:15



We exist to disciple the nations in their own culture by teaching, preaching and healing.

Mission News From Panama

Pastor Roosevelt and his team traveled again to the village of Diwar Sikwa in December. They left the city on December 20th and were able to spend two full days in the village. The team brought in several gifts for the kids and the whole community to celebrate Christmas. This community did not know the meaning of Christmas and amazingly this was the first time they had ever celebrated the holiday.



The team was also able to bring in a lamp and a CD player to be shared by the entire community. Several of the adults only understand Kuna and are illiterate, therefore; the team was able to give them the Bible on CD along with the player in order for the new converts to hear God's word in their own language. There were more converts as a result of this trip, as well as discipleship for those who have already accepted Christ. The chiefs are very receptive of this team and extremely grateful that they have committed themselves

to visit the village on an ongoing basis. Most of you have contributed to our ministry over the past few months and we would like to extend our gratitude for your generosity. There are souls added to the kingdom because of your gifts and the needs of the people in Diwar Sikwa are slowly being met. There continues to be an abundance of needs in the village. We would like to share with you some of them.

Ministry Needs:

- Bibles – We need your support to buy Kuna bibles which can only be purchased

in Panama.

- Glasses for Kuna's – We are planning a visit to Panama soon. We will be able to bring the glasses with us on that trip. If possible we would love for you and your church to collect glasses (reading and vision correction). Kuna's do not have the opportunity to see eye doctors, therefore several of them go blind from the lack of vision correction.
- Medicine – The villagers receive no medical attention. They need the basics for malaria, stomach problems, children and adult Tylenol, etc.
- Food – We would like to establish a food ministry for this village. Malnutrition is a major problem for these people.
- Financing for Kuna Missionaries – The cost is \$500 to send a team every other month.
- Puppets – Puppets are an amazing way to reach kids. We borrowed the puppets we used on our last trip and we need our own to leave with the team in Panama.
- Soul Seekers Ministry – We also need your support in funding the work God is doing through this ministry in Panama. We need monthly support or one time supporters to take the message of Christ to Panama.

If you would like to help with any of these items please see the contact information at the bottom.

Testimonies from Team

Maxi Perez's Testimony

We thought we were prepared for this trip but we did not know what we were going to experience. I have traveled to various places to distribute gifts during Christmas time, but this trip made a special impression on my life. As I laid down in my hammock I imagined my children and my wife in this community doing the Christian work, preaching the love and peace of Jesus Christ.

We arrived the first day and were pleased to see the familiar faces of the



Maxi and Pastor Roosevelt Presenting Lamp



Kids from Diwar Sikwa

people we had met on the last trip. Children called my name and I asked them their names too. I tried to memorize them but there were so many it was very difficult, until one came up to me and said his name is Maximiliano. I was so happy to hear a name I knew I could remember. The next morning I looked for him and asked for his age but he did not know, which made me sad.

The day after we arrived we began to prepare the gifts to distribute in the afternoon. We were able to see so many smiles on the children's faces as we gave them their gifts. Pastor Roosevelt and I visited with some of the new believers. The pastor gave a discipleship lesson and I gave a testimony of what God has been doing in my own life. That night was a tremendous thing to witness. 14 brothers gave their lives to Christ. Each one of them was asking me to bring them a Bible the next time that I came.

It continued raining and I noticed the river was rising, which really frighten me. But I said Lord, nature is yours and we are your children. I knew He would keep us safe. The moment of farewell came as knots formed in my throat. I felt this time there was more love in Christ that was shared between all of us. They were telling us not to leave because they wanted to know more about Christ.

Every day I think of them, pray that everything goes well for all and for the 21 brothers that have come to know Christ through our visits.

- Blessings - Maximiliano Perez Jr.

Ines Roosevelt's Testimony

We thank the Lord for the blessings, because we all have the same purpose: to share with our neighbors the kindness



Ines Distributing Gifts

of our Lord Jesus Christ. I was very happy for the opportunity to come back again to Diwar Sikua. When we arrived, the community was together in the Congress and the chief let the pastor speak. The pastor gave the lantern to the chief in the name of all of you. He received it with joy because the other one they had was broken.

Friday the 21st, we had a meeting with the chief and Ana, the teacher, to organize the gifts, toys and candies to be given. At 1:00 p.m. we started Bible studies with different groups. I helped with the boys and girls between three to six years of age. After we prayed and sang we distributed the toys to the children. Our joy was when we saw the kids smiling and saying "Merry Christmas" when they received the gifts. That night we had a service. Our blessing is that 12 youth accepted the Lord as Savior.



Kids with Gifts

Saturday the 22nd, we continued with the studies and crafts. I had the opportunity to share with the sisters Proverbs 31:10 – The Wife of Noble Character. That night we had a service and I gave my testimony. I spoke of when I accepted Christ as my Lord and how my life has been changed little by little. Also how each day I receive strength by reading the Bible and prayer. I also spoke about the birth of our Lord. When Jesus was born, hope was born for a better world and that our lives are a gift from God. When we finished the service, we all hugged each other and we would say Merry Christmas. It was something remarkable.

The community has several needs. The kids and adults have colds because of the rainy season. They asked us for reading glasses and medicine for stomach pain and food.

We have you in our prayers for God to guide you and keep this spirit of sharing for the needs of the people of Diwar

Sikua. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Adventurous New Year.

- Your sister in Christ, Ines de Arias

Pastor Roosevelt's Testimony



Pastor Roosevelt Discipling New Converts

When we arrived on December 20th the community had a traditional meeting. After they had finished the meeting, the chief invited me to speak. It was already 9:00 pm by this time, therefore, I simply invited them to the preaching service for the next evening. The chief offered us the house of Congress to have our service. During the preaching service, all the chiefs came, as well as the youth and women. The only way to describe the event was a great revival. I preached about the truth of Christmas and there were 12 professions of faith. God touched the hearts of a chief and a young man that was in jail. The Holy Spirit worked amazingly during the service. God has done a great and marvelous job. There were 110 people present.

The next night, Saturday the 22nd, there were recommitments. This community is hungry to listen to the Word of God. My brothers and sisters, please pray for Diwar Sikwa. I am asking for a pastor who could attend for the spiritual needs on a permanent basis. As of now we have 25 people that have received Christ as their Lord and Savior. I also dedicated myself to disciple new converts and a class for baptism.



Pastor Roosevelt with the Chiefs

This is the first time, boys, girls, youth and young ladies have received gifts and bags of candies and cookies. The village received the lantern and the new converts received the cassette player. The chief, when saying goodbye, was thankful in the name of the village for this kindness especially from you brothers and sisters in the United States.

In the community there are several sick and malnourished children and adults. They need glasses and medical attention. The youth ask for two guitars and a soccer ball for recreation.

My wife and my children wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2008.

- Your brother in Christ. Pastor
Roosevelt Arias

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