



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 – April 2008

What a blessing it is for us to hear the reports that the Panama team sends us each time they travel to Diwar Sikua. This past trip, as you will read below, testimonies from the new believers warm our hearts. We hear them asking for more time with our missionaries. They are eager and almost desperate to hear more about the God who sent His Son Jesus to die for them. A great deal of progress has been made in their efforts in this one village. Leaders have been elected and meeting times have been set. Pastor Roosevelt's testimony from this past trip brings to mind the passion and love Paul had for his flock. The pastor has been praying for an opportunity to spend a longer period of time in the village, discipling the new believers. Our goal of course is to train up the believers in this new area to go out and tell others what they have been taught. It is obvious when you hear the testimony of these Christians that they were just waiting for someone to come and share Christ with them. We also received an amazing testimony of an answered prayer from Pastor Roosevelt. He met a man from Wycliffe Bible Translation group, Keith Foster, and was speaking with him about his trips to the village. Mr. Foster offered to donate \$500 towards the cost of a canoe. We thank God for this generous gift that will make the traveling for our team easier. Please continue to pray for our efforts to fulfill the task that God has laid before us.

Prayer Request:

- New Believers – that God would open up their hearts and fill them with His wisdom and strength to carry on in the absence of Pastor Roosevelt's team. Also the traditions that cause the people harm to be broken.
- May 2008 Trip – Max is praying about going down to travel with Pastor Roosevelt to Diwar Sikua.
- July 2008 Team Trip – Please pray for our team as they raise funds for the trip.
- Pastor Roosevelt and Team – safety in travel, health and opportunities to stay in the village longer.
- Motor for the canoe - \$1200 - \$1500.
- Life Jackets, Mosquito nets and Hammocks – We need donations to buy these items in Panama.
- Bibles – provision of Kuna bibles which can only be purchased in Panama.
- 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.
- Financing for Kuna Missionaries – The cost is \$500 to send a team every other month.
- Puppets – Puppets are an amazing way to reach kids.
- Soul Seekers Ministry – We need monthly support or one time supporters to take the message of Christ to Panama.

If you would like to make a contribution to help with these prayer request please see the contact information at the bottom.

Pastor Roosevelt's Testimony

Each time I go to Diwar Sikua, I am happy because I know that God has called me to serve Him and to take His word to this community. It is a community that really needs the word of God because when we meet with them, they shared with us their need. In their heart when they sang with a loud voice to honor God. In one of the meetings with the new believers, a sister shared her testimony. She said, "pastor when you go back to the city, tears fall in my house when I am alone, because I have no one to teach me the word of God. My desire is to know better my savior. I cry for days." These words make me feel a profound pain in my heart.

Brothers, pray for me for God to give me an opportunity in the future to stay with them for a month. I know it is a hard place to access, but for God everything is possible. Although I became sick on this last trip, I am willing to serve my Lord to disciple the new believers. It is a community that has strong traditions and rules that I need to respect. I know that God and the Holy Spirit will be working with me and will transform the path of good. I am simply an instrument.

- Your brother in Christ, Pastor Roosevelt Arias

Ines' Roosevelt's Testimony

God has permitted us to continue in the work of evangelism in the Diwar Sicua community. There have been cases of malaria which has caused us some concern. With sadness, I have observed that the women and young girls smoke a lot and it hurts to see this. I would like to have seminars and videos that would teach them about the diseases that smoking causes. I would like them to understand that the body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit. I conclude "Psalm 86:12 "I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore". With our faith placed in Christ and His will, we know that God will hear our prayers for the work that we are realizing.

- Your sister in Christ, Ines de Arias



Maxi, Dilcibeth, Abelardito, Floriana, Aaron, Pastor Arias, Hortensiano, other believers, and Ines



Hortensiano, Pastor Roosevelt, Dilcibeth, Ines, Lucinio and Floriana. (Both worked with the kids, they are from Cristo Daniki)

Maxi Perez's Testimony

We took more people with us on this trip. A few members of the church of Cristo Daniki (Kuna Nega), Floriana, Licinio Santos and Hortensiano Martínez. Pastor Lázaro was with the missionaries from U.S. and was unable to travel with us. We arrived around 9:00 a.m. after cleaning up and having breakfast we met with the believers who were in town. There was a celebration planned during our time there and not everyone was at home. The believers told us about their worries of being without a leader. They told us they were not having regular meetings and that they do not do anything together as believers. We named Abdiel Morris, as a leader and also Abelardito. Dilcibeth was named the leader for the women's meetings. They chose Abelardito's house to meet every Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Pastor Roosevelt gave a bible study on prayer. Dilcibeth told us that she wants to know more about the Word of God. Aaron is happy because we named a leader and also wants to know more about the Word of God. Thank God and thank you for your prayers.

- Blessings - Maximiliano Perez Jr.



Kids with Floriana from Cristo Daniki

Ruben Kantule met Christ in jail. He was accused of killing a person and a miracle happened during his second hearing. He had waited in jail three years and three months for his liberation. During this period others were speaking to him about the Word of God. He prayed that the outcome of his hearing would be the will of God. The conditions in jail were very difficult. He did not eat because the food was very bad and full of bugs. He testifies that his food was the Word of God. He had been given a Bible by other believers while he was in jail. The day of his hearing with the judge, he got up at dawn to speak with God and to ask for strength and wisdom for the moment. The hearing was meant to determine if he would be set free or stay in jail for 20 years. The moment arrived to face the relatives of the deceased, they did not accuse him of the killing and the judge declared him innocent. That very day he was given his freedom. Ruben thanked the Lord for being his lawyer and from that moment he has committed himself to adoring and praising the Lord.

Ruben's Testimony

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