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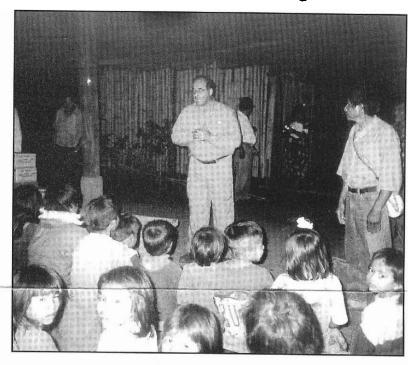
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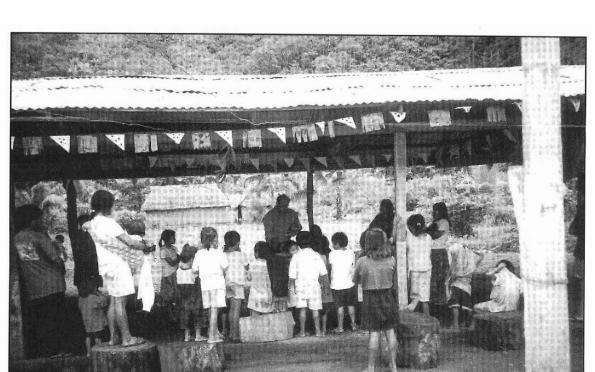




We tracked through the mountainous jungle of the Amazon headwaters, forging through streams and small rivers. The landscape could not be lovelier. Among the lush green foliage there are scattered purple orchids stretching upward with scarlet finches lighting down upon them. We drove for hours, the torrential rains had washed out the bridge, so we wrapped around on the make shift path. It was muddy and I did not know if the vehicle that we were in could handle the rough terrain. Finally after many hours we reached our first destination, "Gloriabamba", an Ashaninka village. We brought them crackers and candy and one lady gave us each a piece of dried fish. I told them stories. They love stories. For thousands of years the stories of the ancestors were passed down to each generation. They listened to my stories in Spanish and sometimes chuckled but when the same stories were translated into their native tongue they were spellbound. For the rest of their lives, they will remember what I shared with them. That is the impact of the spoken word in story form. It is cherished by this people. Their language was not put in writing until quite recently by the Wycliff missionaries. When I gave an invitation to accept Christ approximately twenty prayed with me.

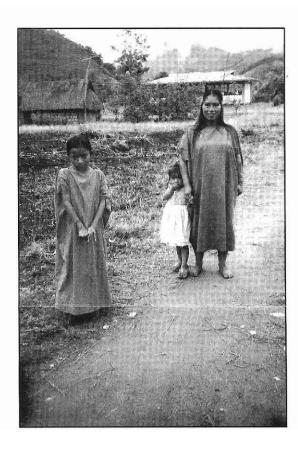
I was working with the most influential Chief of the Ashaninkas, the only college educated person among his people. He was appointed by the government over the distribution of land to tribal peoples in his province. He is also a pastor. His name is Antonio Quinchoker. On the way back, we traveled through military check points where the soldiers are looking for drug traffickers, and revolutionaries.







It was pitch black when we came upon Tisiriari. They experienced terrible flooding last May when eight hundred people were killed. Their huts and their few earthly possessions were washed away. We brought them soap, milk, and other gifts. They had no electricity, so they built a small fire and we shared the Good News. Approximately thirty prayed with us.



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Part of my mission was to see if our Bible institute in Spanish would be useful to them since their Spanish is very limited. Chief Antonio begged us for the material and explained that he must prepare the next generation. They are getting old and must have trained leaders among their people. They said that they could stop the tape and explain the concepts in a way that their people can understand. In two weeks the courses will be delivered to them. Together we touch the world!

Lee + Carol

They Want to Train

The Next Generation

Amazon, Peru

