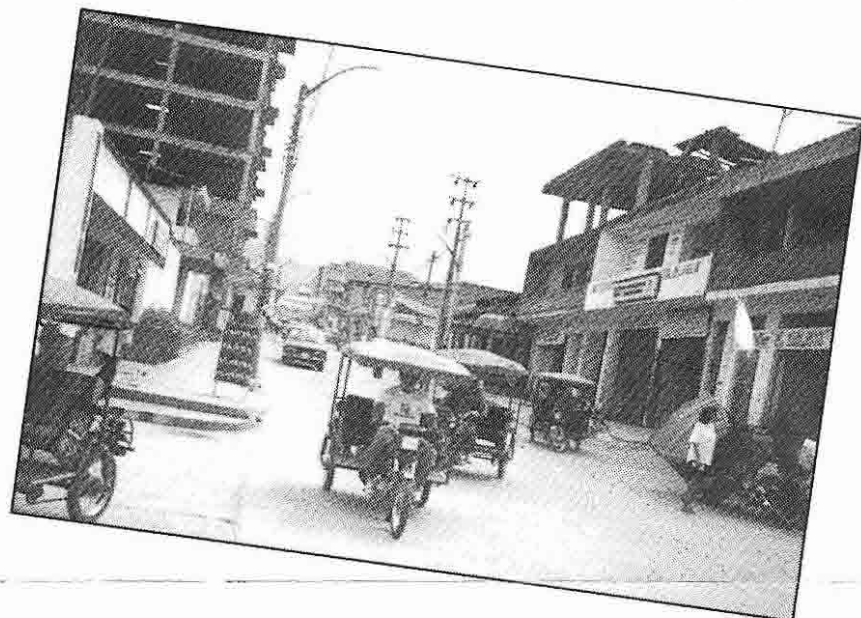


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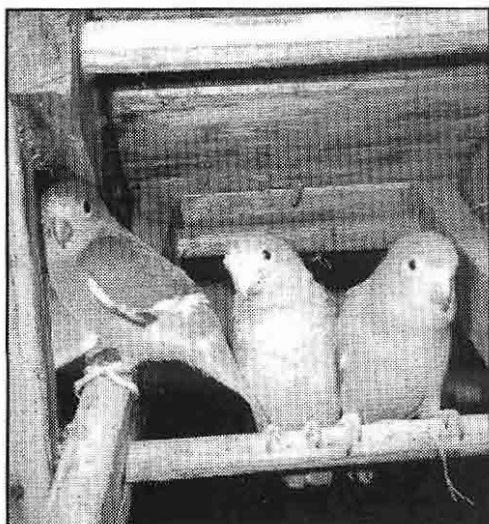
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Tarapoto, Peru; We drove outside of the city and headed up the mountain into the lush canopy of the Amazon rain forest. It began to pour down rain as we took refuge under a thatched roof of palm branches. There, a young man by the name of Jaime Ruiz told us his bitter life story. With tears in his eyes, he said he never knew who his father was and his mother died when he was a young child. He was abandoned to live on the street, begging for food. He was scared, and cruelly beaten by strangers.

In his early twenties he got married and began to raise a family. One day, his wife left him taking his two daughters. Once again Jaime was abandoned and desperately lonely. He told me that no one in the world cares about him. He had no reason to live and desires to be united with his mother in death. His story was heart breaking. I shared with him the story of a loving God who cherishes him and offers hope and purpose, a God who draws close to those who are orphaned and abandoned. He wept, hugged me and received Christ into his heart. Jaime said, "Please don't forget me" Pray for him that he will be discipled and find loving Christian friends.

Traveling by boat deep into the Amazon jungle, some of our Peruvian Bible students are doing missions work among the unreached prehistoric tribal peoples. Sixty of the one hundred identified tribes of the Amazon have never heard the name of Jesus. Our students offer medical supplies to a tribal chief and present him with the Gospel. If the chief consents to allowing strangers into his village, the visitors must paint their faces and put feathers in their hair to ward off demons. They then are shown hospitality by being fed a delicious meal of live worms harvested from palm trees, with a side order of ants and possibly uncooked sun-dried monkey meat.

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I was eating a bowl of inchicapi (corn flour, liquified peanuts, garlic, celantro & chicken) I heard a noise under my chair. I thought it was rats... It was parrots.



Lee and apostle Jaime Gomez, founder of 42 churches in the Amazon.

These missionaries spoke of unimaginable peril and adventure such as seeing anacondas twelve feet in diameter and one hundred and fifty feet long. They have been stranded up to two months waiting for a boat to take them back to their families. They have also seen whole tribes convert to Christ! If the chief converts to Christ then the whole tribe does also.

Imagine... those of you who are supporting this ministry are training up Peruvian nationals thru our video bible schools to reach the unreached tribes of the Amazon! Your prayers and gifts make this possible.

Together we touch the World!

In His Service,

Lee & Carol

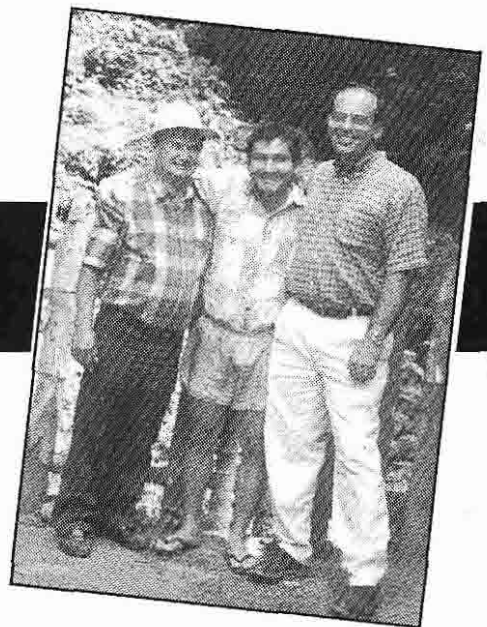
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