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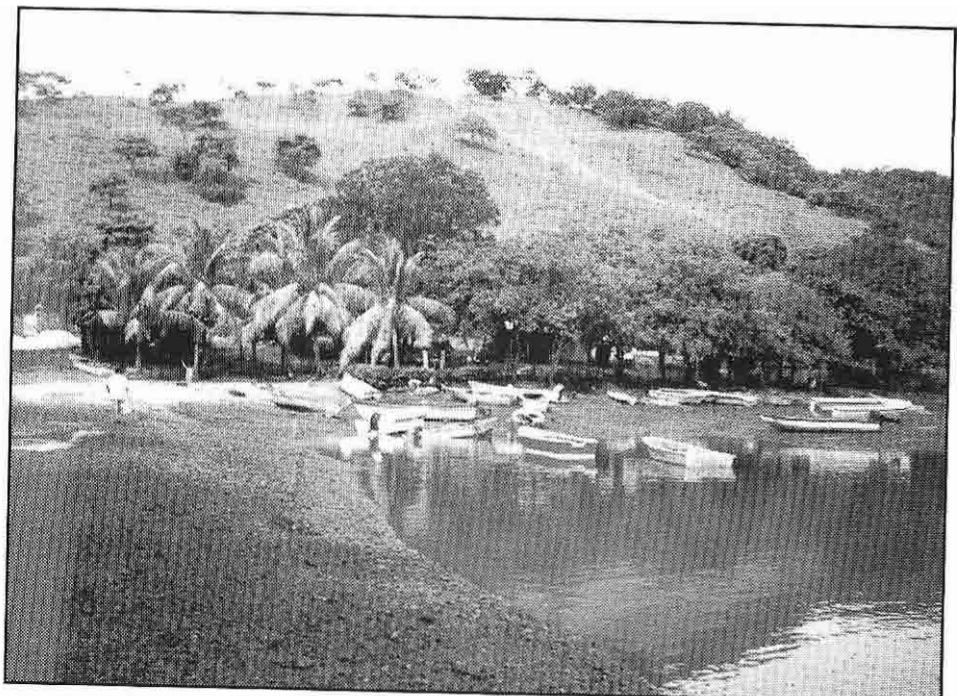
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Nestled in the Gulf of Nicoya is the largest island of Central America, called the Island of Chira. Inhabiting this ecological treasure are approximately 3000 folks, most of whom are simple fishermen and the descendents of the Chiroteqa Indians. Traveling to the island was a feast for the eyes as we saw all kinds of exotic plants, flowers & wildlife. Costa Rica means rich coast and that it is. Flocks of green parrots, white loros, and pink flamingos painted the sky while pelicans and buchones fished in the gulf. Buchones, when circling the sky have the appearance of pre-historic birds. Traveling down the tidal rivers you will see an occasional salt water crocodile and a raccoon hunting for clams in the muddy flats.

Accompanying me were two interesting and exotic individuals in their own right. Henry Chacon is a fiery evangelist and a world class sculptor. Jose Zuniga is a radio host and programmer for the international short and long wave Christian station "Faro de Caribe". Throughout our travels he was patching in through a cellular phone to broadcast our missionary adventure live.





Maria was suicidal until Jesus set her free.

The journey was rigorous and challenging as we were beaten and rattled on bad roads, crossing the Tempesque River by ferry and then traveling down tidal rivers that rose and fell stranding outboards in a bed of mud. We took a 20 foot open bow boat loaded down with barrels of Gasoline from Puerto San Pablo Viego to Puerto Palito on the Island of Chira, where we then waited for some means of transportation to the church. We later caught a ride on the back of a stake body pickup and traveled down the muddy roads through open fields and cow pastures.

That evening, I presented Pastor Pedro Medina with our video Bible School curriculum. He was very appreciative. During the invitation, 10 children came forward. After that we ministered the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and God touched many lives, among them Maria Perez and Abelaro Prais. Maria received deliverance, God filled her with peace and joy and the Holy Spirit. Abelaro was one of the first converts on the island years before. He had walked away from God, and that night, the convicting power of the Holy Spirit brought him to a place of repentance and broke the hardness of his heart. Together we touch the world!

In His Service,

Lee & Carol

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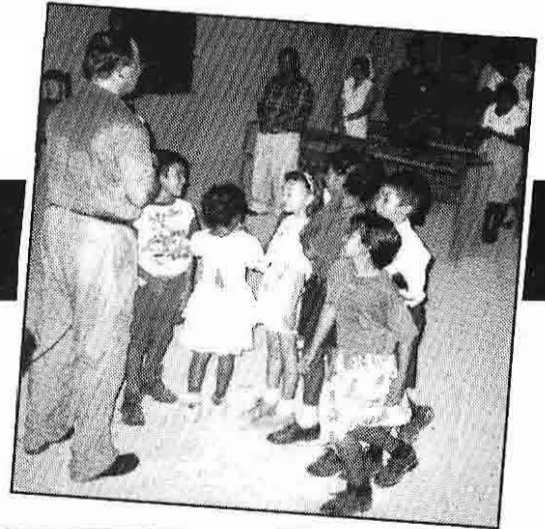


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