

# THE BARRACLOUGH BUNKER REPORT

An inside look at what's going on in the minds of the troops.



**NADIA VICTORIA**  
AGE 11  
B-DAY: DEC 6

"I can't wait to get back to the United States. I really miss my best friend Gracie. I like to pop my daddy's neck and back. Mommy tries but can't. I like playing volleyball. I can't wait to rollerblade again."

See ya, Strong Wolf

"When I get to the States I'm going to play with my two rubber band guns. I like going to the open market every Saturday with Mommy at like 6 am. At the market I like eating the cheese bread they sell there—my reward for a morning's hard work!"

Ciao, Little Wolf



**ISAAC JOSEPH**  
AGE 10  
B-DAY: MAY 26



**JENNIFER ANN**  
AGE 8  
B-DAY: AUG 7

"I like being in the boat, and going to see the Indians. I get to play in the village with the kids there. It's fun being here. My favorite food here is *arroz chaufa* (fried rice). My favorite thing to do is play volleyball."

Hasta Luego, Baby Wolf

"I'm glad because it is almost time to leave for America. I want to play with my roller skates and rubber band gun. I made friends with Edwin, one of the Yine kids. I like to spend a lot of time playing every weekend. And I like our rented house here because there's a big yard."

Ciao, Diamond Drew



**CALEB ANDREW**  
AGE 7  
B-DAY: AUG 7



**REBECCA JONELL**  
AGE 2  
B-DAY: JAN 8

Well, Becca is a big two years old. She functions at two speeds-stop and go. She likes to play with everybody else's toys, often tries to sneak bites of food before meal prayers, and likes to color, play Lego's and play horses. She talks like a Peruvian and acts like a defense lawyer.

Don't let that innocent face fool you. Jessica is a real hoot! She's quick to laugh with everyone else and first to cry when she doesn't get her way. She started walking at 9 months old, and has cute curly brown hair. Her favorite thing to do is to taste-test new foods at meals. With so many hands to hold her, she is *naturally* spoiled!



**JESSICA ILIANA**  
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## THE BEGINNINGS OF TRIBAL MINISTRY IN THE PERUVIAN AMAZON

Greetings from our family to yours from the beautiful Amazon basin! As reported in our last newsletter, last fall we uprooted from Lima, the capital of Peru, to begin ministry to the people of the southern Amazon Rainforest.

Since our move to the jungle, we've engaged our time in surveying the region and making numerous contacts with the tribal peoples, traveling up three different rivers, ministering in tribal villages and forging enduring friendships.

From these contacts, we continue in ministry among two tribes, the Amarakaeri and the Yine. Though both of these tribes have had previous missionary exposure, we found their Bible knowledge to be very minimal. Yet, we've been able to build on the foundation previously laid to preach Christ to them.

And with the patient instruction in the Word we are beginning to reap some results.

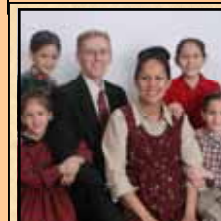


Young girl from the Yine tribe with traditional intricate body and face markings made from the juice of the huito jungle fruit.

**Thank you for your invaluable prayers and support for this ministry to reach the precious tribal people of southern Peru.**

Within this newsletter you will find more specifics on the progress of evangelizing these two tribes, a bit of Amazon trivia, and an update on the family. God bless you for your faithfulness.

His for the Harvest,  
Joe, Judith, Nadia, Isaac, Jenny, Caleb, Becca & Jecca



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# Amazon Trivia

## MATABLANCA MISERY!

“Ahhhhh! The pristine jungle. Now *this* is nature at its finest,” I said, as our boat docked up to the little *comunidad nativa* (tribal village). After more than 20 hours of river travel up the Madre de Dios River we had finally arrived at our ministry location.

As the boat entered a little offshoot of the expansive river and we were about to dock, the attack began in earnest. No chonta palm spears were hurled, nor did arrows sing through the sky—nothing so dramatic. The unfortunate fact of river life is that perhaps the foulest fiend is a creature that is so small, you seldom know when you are even being attacked until it is too late.

With maddening rapidity, the *matablanca*, also



known as the biting gnat or ‘no-see-um’ descends on any exposed area of skin. Within minutes it looks as if a rash has broken out, and the itch can be vicious and last for days.

In the Amazon, misery comes in small packages. At 1/32nd of an inch, they can travel through normal mosquito nets and mesh screens.

Unlike mosquitoes, which poke, the *matablanca* bites with its razor sharp outer teeth, while it bores through the flesh with its inner teeth, applying an anti-coagulant so the blood flows freely.

Unfortunately, bug repellent doesn’t seem to faze these foes—

they just keep on biting. And unlike mosquitoes that bite mostly at dawn and dusk, *matablancas* bite all hours. So, if you’re looking for ‘nature at its finest,’ the Amazon Rainforest is probably not the best destination for relaxation, but it is a needy place for ministry!



# AMAZON TRIBAL MINISTRY



## Yine Indians

We first made contact with the Yine Indians about 23 hours upriver from our home in Puerto Maldonado. The Yine village we visited is the largest in the region, numbering several hundred people. After conducting an evangelistic service with them, we spent the following day further upriver looking for a Yine Indian that has made contact with an unreached neighboring tribe, the Mashco-Piro. This village is desirous that a missionary come live with them and has a small group of believers with very rudimentary knowledge of the Gospel.

Since this first contact, we discovered another Yine village much closer to our home. We have targeted this village for continued evangelistic work and have been preaching there regularly. The Yine have many questions and sometimes as much time is taken in question and answer sessions as in preaching.

They are a warm-hearted people, both hospitable, and fun-loving. One characteristic is that they love to sing. Often during preaching, one Yine will take the initiative to translate my preaching so that the others who don’t understand Spanish well can understand.

Pray for them that God will open their understanding of the Gospel.



## Amarakaeri

The Amarakaeri (or Harakmbut) are an industrious people. Their land is located in the heart of the gold-mining industry, and many of the men are active in gold mining.

The first time I preached in one of their villages, the people said, “Now we understand!” referring to the Gospel message. God has really moved on some of their hearts, and they have listened intently, asking heart-felt questions of how to be saved. Many are counting the cost of serving Christ, as we’ve shared what repentance and redemption really are.

This tribe is much more expressive and often during the preaching, they will chatter away in their own language discussing what has been said (I think!).

At other times, they will stop my preaching to ask questions that have nothing to do with the message. They are intensely interested in the end times, like the mark of the beast and the Rapture.

God’s Word will not return void. Please pray that they will act upon what they’ve heard by true repentance and commitment to Christ.

# Reflections

Life in the Amazon is not without its challenges. In some ways it has been a huge adjustment dealing with a slower pace of life, both in terms of work ethic and social life. Visitors come at all hours, and often stay for hours. Businesses which should be open are closed for unknown reasons. Water and electric services quit for hours without warning and mail service is poor.

Yet in other ways, the friendships we have forged in this first year of ministry here have been enriching and life changing. Thank you for your prayers as we adjust to a new field.

One of the cultural differences is in relationships. Much more time is spent just “being” together with friends for the sake of being together. What is done together is not as important as just being together—talking, laughing, praying.

Far from being discontent with not doing much, the opposite seems true—people seem generally more content with less.

My reflection is summed up as this: people are more important than possessions—a lesson close to the heart of God.

Our biggest struggle this first year has not been cultural, but financial. Monthly support has been down by about 20% for the first half of the year. Please prayerfully consider partnering with us in monthly financial support. Thank you for all you do to make our ministry possible.