

The Lord is so good! I returned in November, having spent the previous 6 months in the Peruvian Amazon. Through our partnership with you and with the local churches in Peru, we have accomplished so much this year.

Pastor Lucy and I visited many preaching points this year, passing out Bibles and medicine in each. Three of the churches we visited were over a day's travel away from Nauta. We used several modes of transportation to travel between villages, including speed boats, canoes, and cargo boats. When on a canoe, one person bails water out over the low sides while another watches for debris.



When I first arrived in May, the river was high. We had to watch for flotsam and tree trunks that the river had washed from the banks. As the rain slowed over the summer, the river shrank significantly, and we were watching the low water for sand bars. We got stuck several times; and once, the men had to leave the boat to push us off. Thank you for praying for our safety as we traveled.

We sent Pastor Jerson out with a team of men from Nauta to build new churches over the summer. They finished the construction in Gran Punta and put a roof on the church in Seis de Mayo. They have funding to build one more church in San Antonio de Arambasa this winter. The people pitch in to help build the church in their village, but they often do not have proper equipment or even basic supplies like nails.



Pastor Jerson not only constructed the churches, but also preached in revival services every night he was in the villages. The church was packed with people even before the roof was fully on. Thank you for your prayers and support that made this construction possible.



We hosted 2 teams from the US this summer, one from California and one from Pennsylvania. This was the first year we were able to host teams since the pandemic. They helped us with projects in 6 different churches, worked with kids, and passed out supplies.

This was also the first year since the pandemic that we were able to host a pastoral training week. We had 8 churches represented. It was incredible to see these

lay pastors making the sacrifice to travel from their isolated villages to Nauta and to see how blessed they were to study the Bible with others just like them. Every day they learned more that they could teach in their churches, and every day they received materials and supplies to use for ministry in their villages.



We were also blessed with the funds to build the first church library in our district. We have 165 books, including pastoral training manuals, children's ministry resources, missionary stories, and several first aid books. It was unveiled at the pastoral training so that pastors could borrow books for study, but it is also available to anyone in our churches who wants to learn more about God and ministry.



Please keep us in your prayers as we research ideas for other projects to help people in Peru. I will be traveling through the US and raising funds from January to April so that I can go back to Peru in May 2023. We would like to raise enough funds to continue what we are doing and also implement a few new projects to share the Gospel, strengthen churches, and serve communities.

Through those who give monthly, quarterly, and yearly, my salary and part of my travel is covered. Thank you to all those who continue to give so that I can serve the people in the Peruvian Amazon. My goal for this year is to raise \$500 more in monthly gifts and \$10,000 in cash for my travel and the projects we hope to continue/implement. I also need people who will pledge to pray for me, for my protection, for my spiritual life, and for my ministry.



If you would like to give online, go to <http://gos3m.managedmissions.com/MyTrip/Leininger>.

If you would like to mail your gift, please make it payable to Crossroads Church, write my name "Esther" in the memo line, and mail it to Crossroads Church, Attn: GOS3M, PO Box 5788, San Antonio, TX 78201. Thank you so much!

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