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News from **The Cocama Project**

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A short video of smiling faces as we were reunited with some of our family in the jungles of Northern Peru - January 2019

January 2019 - a tough month for us. We finally headed back to Peru on the 20th and then spent over a week in both Lima and Iquitos gathering the necessary documents to apply for Resident Visas in Peru. If successful this will allow us many advantages that we have not had over these past several years, including such simple things like being able to open a bank account. And, if successful, we will also be able to make the famous claim, "*Third time's a charm*". Navigating through the obstacle course of Peruvian agencies and Law can be bewildering, and our most sincere thanks go out to our friend, translator, logistics coordinator and brother Luis Rios for making it all go as smoothly as possible. Luis and his wife Corina are a part of our Peruvian family and we are most grateful that God has seen fit to allow us to know them and work together in Kingdom work.

Construction projects (a new septic system and a walkway through the mud to the village) are underwav. And the children have returned like never before. School in

Peru is out for the months of January and February so the village school, normally having classes until about 2:00 PM, is no longer active. But that does not mean the children are not active and , WOW - they are showing up by the numbers to play with educational toys that Marcie has brought and in general, just have a good time playing at our Mission Outpost. Their curiosity, honesty, innocence and eagerness to offer love are so special. No wonder Jesus had a special place for them, warned about the dire consequences of harming one of them, and used them as the example of the heart one must have (as little children) to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

We already introduced Kyle and Alissa Pean and can report that they are working diligently to prepare for their language training, raise the necessary support needed, and in general get ready to join us as full-time missionaries in the Peruvian Amazon Jungle. Please learn more about this young couple and prayerfully consider helping them as they prepare for their life's ministry as missionaries. A link to their bios on our webpage is included with their photo below.

We seldom ask for financial support because many who follow this ministry have been so gracious with their support and we have not needed to ask. So I'll make this onetime announcement and let God handle the rest:

Our Mission Outpost activities have increased so rapidly that we are literally running out of facilities to accommodate it all. Our 2019 construction budget, approved by our board of directors, includes a new sewer facility for the compound that can handle the 50 to 90 people on site during pastor training events, a new deep water well (approximately 170 feet deep) that can supply the water needed to support a pastor training event during the "dry months" of June through September, and a combination dormitory/apartment to both house the visitors that come to work and teach at the mission outpost as well as a future home for the Pean family. The entire budget for these things is \$20,000, which in our western culture language is "Peanuts" compared to what this much construction would cost us in the United States. So this onetime request is that you please consider helping us reach our 2019 construction budget needs so we can get the work done and refocus our attention on the needs of the indigenous peoples that we are here to serve. You can donate online via our website at https://cocamaproject.nationbuilder.com/_construction_1_time_donation or you can mail donations to **The Cocama Project**, P.O. BOX 1502, RICHMOND, TEXAS 77406. In advance, thank you, gracias and in Cocama language, "*Usurpaki*" for your help as we work to continuing serving and loving our neighbors in the Peruvian Amazon Jungle.

That Others May Know Him,
Sam and Marcie

John 17:3



Village children are excited to have new educational toys to play with. Our Mission Outpost has been abuzz with happy children since our return in January.



Kyle and Alissa Pean and daughter Elizabeth are preparing to begin their language studies before they join us in the Mission Outpost. Please prayerfully consider supporting them with both prayer and finances as they begin their life journey as missionaries. [Click here to learn more about them on our website page.](#)

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