

Will you join us in prayer?

Aside from encounters with shamans' Satanic intentions, life in the jungle is dangerous. Pray that our workers there will be kept safe as they travel beneath the vast canopy of the rainforest.

Please join us also in the prayer that the Gospel message may continue to spread in the rainforest among the Chayahuitas and that many more will believe and be saved.

Would you like to help?

1. The roof of the Nuevo Oriente school must be replaced at a cost of \$700 dollars.
2. Even in the jungle, the cost of living is rising. The schools need additional funds to pay their teachers.
3. The jungle evangelists need a new canoe and motor at a cost of \$800.

With God's blessing we hope to continue teaching the gospel so that many more native souls in the jungle will be saved.

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Sharing the Gospel in South America and Asia

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The Shaman and the School Teacher



Profesor Germán and his Religion Class

Germán Lancha teaches religion at Cristo Rey (Christ the King) grade school and high school in the thatch-roof village of Louis Terry in the Peruvian rainforest. As pastor of the local congregation, he is grateful for the work sponsored by the ELS in the jungle, since now his family and his community of 70 souls are Christian. Germán constantly encourages the members of the community and the students to continue to grow in their faith. He is anxious to continue his ministry, even though it takes courage to do so. For example:

Germán had been visiting a shaman (a native medicine man who works with the supernatural) to share the gospel with him. Then he met the shaman's uncle who revealed that the shaman had asked him to kill Germán! Why? The shaman's occult business was suffering - fewer people were seeking his help because Germán's preaching of the gospel was leading former clients out of spiritual darkness and into light in Christ.

The Peruvian Church is thankful to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod for supporting three schools in the Amazon jungle among the Chayahuita tribe, the most widely distributed of the jungle tribes in Peru.

In the village of Louis Terry there are 20 students in the grade school, which has been operating since 2007. The grade school teacher, Eloy Cahuaza, is also studying in the extension seminary at the Bible Institute of the Amazon Jungle. Pastor Germán teaches religion in the grade school and also in the high school, which has been in operation since 2010 and has 15 students.

Besides Germán, Julio Lopez and Neyllor Ojanama teach in the high school. Germán reports that the parents are very happy for these schools and are also very thankful for the food support provided by Cross-stitch, the network of ELS Women's Mission Societies.



Eloy Cahuaza, Primary Teacher



Students at Cristo Rey High School

In the village of Nueve Oriente, Jesus the Redeemer school opened in 2009 and serves 24 students. Melchor Ríos is the teacher. He has been attending the church services in Nuevo Oriente, and we hope that he will become a member of the church. He enjoys his work and hopes to continue teaching in the school. Seminarian and pastor of the local church, Antonio Torres, teaches the religion class. Like Germán, Antonio also faces challenges. Recently people from another church visited the community and tried to entice him to join them, even offering an increased salary. But Antonio answered, "I am a Lutheran! I have no intention of joining a different church."

Antonio is very busy, since in addition to his work as pastor and religion teacher, he also participates in the work of jungle evangelist Maribí to other communities. Maribí regularly makes 10-village circuits by dug-out canoe, bringing the Gospel to rainforest communities.

The schools and churches in the jungle are different from ELS congregations in the US, but the students and members share the same Lutheran faith as our North American friends! Thanks for your support!

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Pastors Germán, Marabi, and Antonio