

# Unto Life Ecuador

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Cris & Daniela Jones

## Family Life

Daniela: I would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support for us. While Cris is in the jungle, I have spent time with my children at home with their school and church activities. I have learned how to be a teacher as well as a mother. Sometimes I don't know if I am doing well, but I am praying. I can see that God has given them so much intelligence: Cristopher is reading more and loves math, and Emma is learning to read and do her sums as well as memorizing Bible verses!

Sometimes I have felt like I am not doing much for God, but when I see my children I remember that my husband and children are my first ministry. As time has passed, God has been opening doors and guiding my steps in places that perhaps I had no idea I could serve: teaching the Bible to Waorani women, teaching the Wao children's Bible school, and hosting Bible studies for some women in our town!

Surely this is only by God's grace for us! I am excited!

Please continue praying for everything that God has put in our hands be a light in the lives of others!



Children's Wao Bible study



Wao women's Bible Study



Women's Bible study



## Updates and Prayers

Cris: As some of you may know, a couple years ago we built a fish pond in the village of Tzapino. Earlier this year while we were visiting the US, there were a series of flash floods that caused a lot of destruction in our region. One such flood severely damaged the dam. We decided to rebuild it in a way that will not be vulnerable to floods that may occur in the future. We got a crew of about 15 Waoroni from a few villages and spent 2 weeks building a large earthen dam. Each morning, we had a time for devotions and got started early as it quickly became unbearably hot. It was a good opportunity to get to know some of the youth from the nearby communities. I was very happy with the end product, and now it's just a matter of getting some rain here to fill the pond. The whole country has been in the worst drought in over 60 years and, because of this, the hydroelectric plants have not been producing much energy. We have been having 10+ hours of blackouts each day.

Months ago, while I was in the jungle, I got a bug bite that felt different from the typical insect bites that are so common in the Amazon. I thought nothing of it, however, instead of healing over the next few months, it became an open sore and expanded to over an inch in diameter. I decided to have it checked out by a dermatologist who sent me to a lab to be tested for a parasite called "leishmaniasis." The test, however, came back negative, and so he put me on antibiotics (which did not seem to help). I decided to get a second opinion at the local mission hospital here in Shell. It turns out one of the missionary doctors here is an expert in leishmaniasis and informed me that the lab tests often produce false negatives. I got tested again and this time it came back positive. Since then, I have been receiving treatment (which consists of regular injections). I would request your prayers as the disease can be hard to treat and quite dangerous if it gets into my system. As always thank you so much for your prayers and support, and may God bless you abundantly!

*-Cris, Daniela, Cristopher, & Emma*

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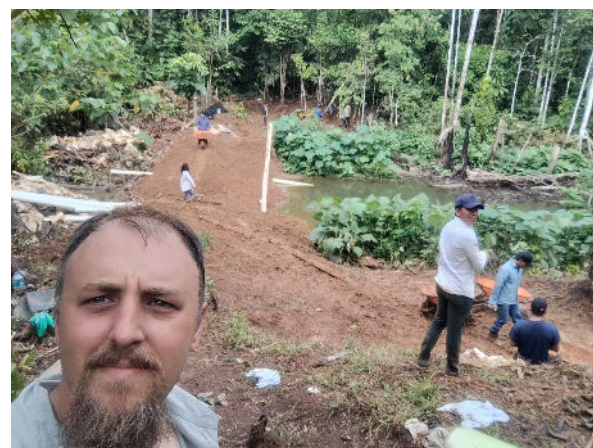
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