

# Unto Life Ecuador

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Cris & Daniela Jones

Dear friends (from Dani),

We had a great time this year sharing and serving with the Compass Expeditions group in the Waoroni community of Gomataon.

I wanted to share an experience of when God answered a prayer for Emma's health:

We were in the jungle for four days, and on the last day Emma woke up with severe vomiting and diarrhea. I thought, "How are we going to leave here?" It would be a long journey by canoe and then by car! For about three hours, Emma kept throwing up and having a lot of diarrhea. She was very weak, she didn't eat anything, and I just wanted to leave to figure out what to do.

I wrapped her up and laid down in a hammock, praying in my heart that God would heal her and trusting that God listens to our prayers! Some of the people of the village believed she had caught "bad air" and wanted to "cleanse" her with branches and leaves, but we told them, "No thank you, we don't believe in that." Soon, it was time to leave, and I got into the canoe with Emma. I placed her next to me lying down. A few minutes later, she was smiling and singing, and I thought, "Is she delirious?" Maybe this is because she's dehydrated? I waited and kept watching her and, little by little, her face started to improve, her color came back, and she was once again cheerful and talking! I was so grateful to God for the miracle He performed in Emma! After we got into the canoe, then the car, and finally reached home, she was no longer vomiting or having diarrhea!

Thank you all for being there for us and praying together as we continue to serve the people of the jungle.



Emma with traditional face paint



Jungle hike with team!



Dani sharing with the kids  
(Samaritans purse)



From Cris:

A few weeks ago, a friend of ours (John Lindscoog), who grew up as a missionary kid here in Ecuador, came down for the purpose of filming the testimony of many of the first Waoroni Christians, who are now in their last years. We did what we could to assist in the project as we see the importance in preserving their testimony in a medium that is especially accessible to the younger generation, many of whom are quickly losing contact with their cultural history. Watching the *pekenani* (old folks) tell their stories was illuminating. Few of us in the modern world can imagine what it was like living in "stone age" conditions in the deep, dark jungle fearing for their lives every day before contact was made with the outside world. Many of them emphasized the radical transformation they underwent from near total ignorance to finding out there is a God who loves them and a hope for the future.

Missionaries are never perfect, and mistakes have been made over the decades since contact, but none of that generation of Waoroni expressed anything but gratitude for the sacrifices that were made for them by those who first brought the message of Jesus.

Pray for those residing in the deep jungle, who are still living ignorant of this hope.

We plan to be in the States this summer for Cornerstone International's Summit. We hope to see as many of you as we can!



Compass Expeditions team



Building new communal kitchen



Down the river!



Interviewing the Pekenani

*Support*

*-Cris, Daniela, Cristopher, & Emma*

Thank you for partnering with **Unto Life Ecuador** in seeing His Kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven! Thank you for your gifts and prayers.

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