



CPI's Native Missionaries Carry Out Works of Compassion

By Steven Shepard

CPI continues to focus on ministries of compassion, which are carried out through our native co-workers in the foreign field. This has proven to be a reliable way to give humanitarian assistance, since they know the needs of the people so well and how to effectively meet those needs. When local churches and pastors are the channels to meet needs, the Gospel is also proclaimed, and local churches garner favor with their communities. Not only are physical needs met, but spiritual needs are met too as quite a few people have given their lives to Christ.

Since 2014, CPI has partnered with Pastor Isaac Mugisa of the village of Bundimulombi in western Uganda. In recent months, CPI has helped Isaac restore eight homes and start businesses for seven church leaders. One person who received help was Isaac's assistant pastor Jimmy. About four years ago Jimmy's home was burned by a rival tribe. Their 10 member family was then forced to live in a tiny hut having only one room. CPI provided money for wood and roofing so that Jimmy could have a four-room house. CPI also helped Jimmy start a small cocoa business. Isaac did the same for another of his pastors, Alozius, who had the roof of his house destroyed by a storm. After the storm, Alozius used some thick paper for a roof, resulting in his family having to sleep standing up when it rained. Isaac told me, *"He looked so hopeless and desperate, but CPI helped to restore his hope when he was provided with iron sheets for his house. His financial status was also very poor. He could hardly provide a single meal for his family, but now with CPI's help to start a cocoa business, he is able to meet his family needs by himself."*

In addition, CPI continues to send funds each month to help those suffering from the pandemic and lockdowns. Four co-workers in Peru, four in Uganda, and one in Myanmar distribute to widows, the elderly, the sick and disabled, and to many who are prevented from working and cannot buy food for their families. Recently, we received this message from Pastor Benard of west Uganda, *"Thank you for joining us in prayer and for all the financial support during the lockdown. Our families and the most needy people would have died of hunger."* Pastor Abraham of Myanmar also said, *"Today, I distributed assistance among eleven houses. The adults burst into tears of joy. They were so happy."*



Above: Pastor Jimmy, wife Peninah, and four of their eight children, in front of their new home in rural western Uganda. The new home has four rooms and a metal roof.



Left: Pastor Jimmy's former home having just one small room for their family of ten.

Below: Shipibos receive food in Peru, distributed by CPI co-worker, Pastor Marical Vasquez.



Yora Baptize in Their Village

The Yora are an isolated Amazon jungle tribe in Peru that number about 500 people. When CPI first began to work with the Yora in 2014, they had no church and many had never heard the Gospel. In cooperation with Wycliffe missionaries, CPI has conducted six conferences (each about one week in length) to teach the Yora about the Gospel of Christ. Because the Peruvian government limits outsiders from going into Yora territory, representatives from the Yora tribe have been flown into the jungle city to hear the Word of God. At the last conference in July of 2019, nine Yora made a confession of faith and were baptized. And we have recently heard that 15 more Yora believers were baptized in their village. Pictured on right are two of our conference attendees Rafael (left) and Carlos (far right) baptizing a fellow Yora believer.



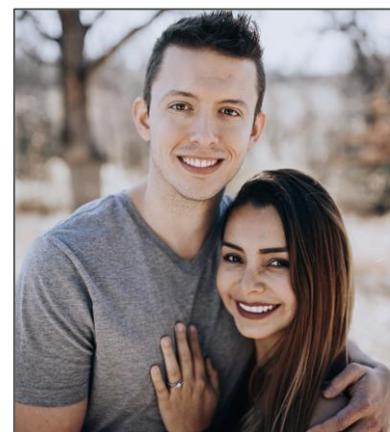
CPI's Newest Church Planting Partner: Abraham Piang of Myanmar, S.E. Asia

CPI has begun to partner with evangelist and church planter Abraham Piang, of Yangon, Myanmar. For the past eight years, Abraham and CPI Director, Steven Shepard, have communicated online concerning the Lord and the ministry in Myanmar. According to the Joshua Project, there are 149 people groups in Myanmar, of which 53 are still considered to be unreached. Abraham currently ministers to Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims, and is one of very few sharing the good news in Myanmar. Abraham pastors a congregation of about 100, though public meetings are now banned due to COVID restrictions. CPI helps with rent for a house (on right), which serves as both living quarters for Abraham's family and a meeting place for the church. This enables Abraham to devote full time to ministry in a country where work is hard to find.



Introducing New CPI Missionaries Casey and Giuly Kidd

Casey and Giuly Kidd were officially accepted as affiliate missionaries by the CPI Board on August 29. Steven Shepard first met Casey in 2015, right before Casey began his work with the Matses tribe in Peru. In 2018, Steven and Casey teamed up to conduct a Matses pastors' conference in one of their villages. Casey and Giuly will continue working with the Matses, and also will work with other Amazon tribes that CPI has engaged. Casey and Giuly, who is Peruvian, were married in 2016, and currently live at the CPI Center in Pucallpa. Casey graduated from *Union University* in Jackson, Tennessee with a B.A. in Biblical Studies, and Giuly holds a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from *Universidad a las Peruanas* in Pucallpa. We are so blessed that they have become part of the CPI mission, and would appreciate your prayers for them as they continue to serve the Lord in Peru.



"What we need very badly these days is a company of Christians who are prepared to trust God as completely now as they know they must do at the last day. For each of us the time is surely coming when we shall have nothing but God. Health and wealth and friends and hiding places will all be swept away and we shall have only God. To the man of pseudo faith that is a terrifying thought, but to real faith it is one of the most comforting thoughts the heart can entertain."

— A.W. Tozer



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