

# Unto Life Ecuador

Cris & Daniela Jones

## From Dani:

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for always standing with us through your prayers and support—you are such a great blessing to our family!

Cris has been in the jungle for several weeks, and my main focus during this time has been our children. They are the legacy God has given us, and right now, my greatest investment is in their lives!

Every time Cris leaves for the jungle and I'm here on my own, I'm reminded that I have a God who is always with me. He guides me, protects me, and helps me at all times (Psalm 121:5)! This truth encourages me deeply to keep listening and watching for what God has for us.

One of our weekly activities is homeschooling. For the first time this year, I'm teaching science! For a long time we searched for a Christian curriculum for this subject—and thanks to God, we finally found one! Emma, Cristopher, and I are enjoying learning together and doing crafts about plants, animals, and planets. God's creation is truly wonderful!

Each week, we also go to practice ping-pong—it's perfect since Cristopher doesn't like running too much! Emma continues to practice her dance at church, and every week we attend AWANA where I serve with the teens. I'm so thankful for the doors God continues to open here where we live, which allows me to keep serving. I'm also helping in our church's Sunday school and attending a women's Bible study in our city each week.

We love you very much and once again thank you for all your love and care for us!



Homeschool Science



Sunday School

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## From Cris:

### Update from Waoroni Territory

As many of you know, this season we've felt a strong pull to focus intentionally on reaching out to some of the more remote communities in Waoroni territory; places that rarely receive missionary visits or spiritual support.



Crossing the company barge

In September, two believing Waoroni friends and I set out on a journey into the Yasuni National Forest to visit several villages. Getting there was no small task. It took several days of travel along roads built by oil companies that now wind far into the jungle, and where oil wells dot the landscape. Access to these roads requires special permission from the companies and crossing the Napo River on the company barge.

These companies are legally required to compensate the local communities for access to their land, but this arrangement often creates a difficult dynamic. Over time, many have grown dependent on the handouts, and social challenges have followed. Alcohol, in particular, has taken a heavy toll. Since so much is given freely, many of the resources go unappreciated and quickly fall into disrepair. Tensions sometimes rise between the locals and the oil companies. When expectations aren't met, sometimes violence results.

In the midst of all this, we had the privilege of gathering people together in both villages to share about Jesus in their own language and to distribute Bibles.



Sharing in 'Kawemeno'

We hope to return regularly to continue teaching and walking alongside these communities.

Reaching such remote places takes significant effort and resources, and we're so thankful for each of you who pray, give, and support this ministry. **Your partnership makes this possible.**

Blessings in Christ,

*Cris, Daniela, Christopher, & Emma*



Cris, Moises, and Menigua heading into Wao territory



On the Yasuni River headed to 'Kawemeno' Village

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