



Hello Everyone,

First of all, you will notice that the update format has changed. My good friend, Dan Susong, showed me how to do my emails from my web site and in the process saved SAC about \$180.00 per year. I was having problems with the other server anyway. Sometimes people would accidentally hit the "unsubscribe" button and then the program would not let me put them back in. Also, the program is much like an old DOS program. Not very enjoyable to work on. Anyway, here is the new format. I will be able to include more pictures and the formatting will be much more flexible. Hope you enjoy it. Links to videos, etc., will be at the top above the actual newsletter.

I would like to give you a little more detailed report on the February trip. In all more than 240 people asked Jesus into their lives.



The trip from Pucallpa to the furthest village on Pachitea was about twelve hours. Since the captain was hesitant to run at night, we arrived late on Wednesday. In the future we should be able to run at night thanks to the new depth finder. We were able to do some ministry there but moved on early the next morning to the second village. We visited a total of 6 villages and only one of these had ever seen missionaries.

We determined that the new method of using the Hayes Chlorine generator was much more efficient and easier. We just pour a pound of salt into 20 liters of water (about 5 gallons), stir it up, place the generator in it suspended on a PVC

Jose's Corner....



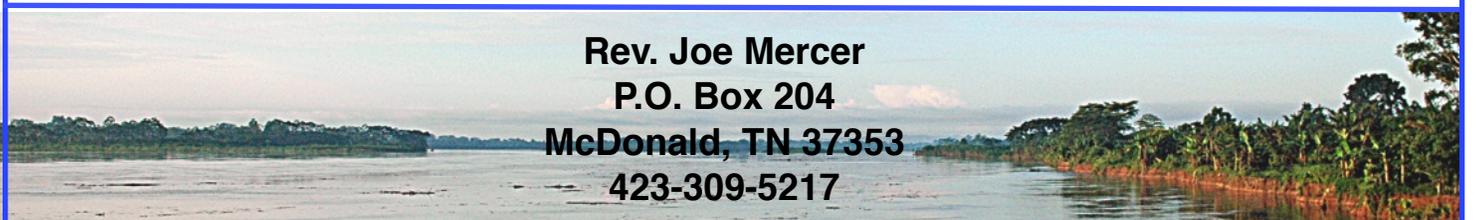
Jose will be leaving for Pachitea on Thursday the 23rd to prepare for the School of Christ. The actual School of Christ is set for March 10-30. He will spend 2 or 3 days there this week in order to find a cook, recruit more students, and establish a place to actually hold the School of Christ. It will probably be in a little church I just built there on the river. He will return and we will have a planning meeting over the internet to determine cost and other needs of the school. Jose needs the new speed boat badly. Pray that God will supply the need. The other boat is really not safe.

pipe, hook it up to the battery and one hour later we have 5 gallons of chemical. This is enough for a typical village for a week. For those who use this system it will mean a much healthier life style.

Bobby and I have more work to do to make the depth finder work exactly like we want it. I was amazed that the old captain on the El Evangelista liked it. Sometimes change down there is very difficult. But I watched them as we entered shallow water. They would gang into the pilot house and one would steer the boat while the others called out the depth of the water. Once we got the depth finder working we never ran aground.



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The problem we had with the depth finder was that the transducer that stuck down in the water kept picking up debris. There is a lot of debris in the river; probably more than any other river in the world. However, I believe I have come up with a solution to the problem. We will build a little float about a foot wide by a foot and a half long with the transducer on the back. There will be a pipe sticking out the front end of the boat and the little float will be towed just in front of the boat. When it comes to debris it will just ride over it and continue to give reliable depth information.

I have the trip dates set for the rest of the year. You can see them on our web page as well as here.....

May trip...May 28-June 7

**October trip..October 22-
November 1**

**Soup Kitchen trip...November
19-26.**

If you have not yet seen the newest video I have placed a link above the Newsletter for both my web site and my facebook page.

God bless,

Bro. Joe