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“Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away;”

Hard working clowns and puppets put on five presentations over the Christmas holidays in Makxawáya, Sombrero Pirí and Río Verde.



The celebrations are over, the Indian communities begin to shrink again as many people go back to their work on the ranches. If there are **good rains and good prospects for agriculture** some people will delay their departure. But last year's drought left many communities without effective leadership as all able bodied men moved away to look for work. The communities in **Sombrero Pirí** were particularly affected by this. **Pastor Elvio** was also away because of his work with the Ministry of Education, **Pastor Teodoro** felt the load especially. Please pray for all the pastors, and that God will call and provide for some pastoral helpers to stay behind in their communities to be able to provide the necessary support to attend those who stay. Pray that we can **develop a programme of visits and meetings** which will meet the needs for pastoral support and in service training of the different church workers.



Praise the Lord we have been able to remove the old San Mateo building from it's site and hope to start reconstruction later in the year we have enough money to put up the roof pray that we find the right people to do the job. Praise the Lord for the **team of 5 young people** (left) who came up to visit from Remancito and put on an evangelistic event at the end of December, pray for developing the links between this community and Río Verde. Pray for **Sonia** (daughter of Antonio and Zuni) who finished her schooling in Río Verde and wants to complete her secondary education, probably staying with her grandmother in Yaguaron before studying nursing. Pray for Marie's **literacy classes** that they will reintegrate well when they return after the holiday period. Cirilo and Raquel have just started Abundant Life course please remember them too.

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With all our love and best wishes for 2010, Ed and Marie