

# T here and Back Again

- The Jungle Journey - A Missionary's Tale -

The first of many journeys to the jungle

began at four a.m. The team included a pastor who has a vision of a country changed, a man from his church with a servant's heart; Ferney, the indigenous missionary; and Kevin. They drove three hours to the airport and

boarded a small prop plane for the forty minute flight into the jungle.

There are no roads to where they were going. The only alternative route is a five hour drive to the Pacific coast followed by a twelve hour boat trip.

Because of the presence of guerilla groups and narco-terrorists, it was decided they would not stay overnight in the jungle on this trip... The inhabitants of the town are, for the most part, the descendents of African slaves brought in by the Spaniards to work in the gold mines and plantations. As the team was walking back from the small church through the dark street, they passed a group of young people standing in front of a small store.

As they walked by, a young girl turned and stared directly at Kevin. In perfect Midwestern English she said,

“Hello Prophet,”

a not so subtle demonic hint that the forces of the god of this world knew the team was there and the team should know that they were there also.

The next morning, the missionaries decided to move ahead as planned and seek an audience with the new king...When the team arrived at the village the king was not there so it was decided that they would wait in the hut that was being used as a school for the children.

It is very important to respect the authority structure when evangelizing indigenous tribes... The pastor shared with the people that God had sent the team to bless their village.

Kevin explained that God loved this tribe so much that He sent him there to tell them about Jesus even if it meant giving up his life to do so.

The countenance of the king began to soften. Kevin went on to tell them that **God loved them so much that he already sent His only Son to earth and He did give His life for them.**

By now the entire village had gathered and there was no room for all of them around the small hut... After a time of formal greeting and introductions, Pastor Conrado began to share. The Holy Spirit prophetically gave Kevin a scripture. Pastor Conrado used it

and the walls of pride surrounding their traditional forms of pagan worship began to break down.

Hebrews 1:1-3 (Amplified Version)

**“IN MANY separate revelations**

[each of which set forth a portion of the Truth] and in different ways God spoke of old to [our] forefathers in and by the prophets,

[But] in the last of these days He has spoken to us in [the person of a] Son,

Whom He appointed Heir and lawful Owner of all things, also by and through Whom He created the worlds and the reaches of space and the ages of time ... He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God's] nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty word of power.

When He had by offering Himself accomplished our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on high”

For two hours Ferney taught them about Jesus Christ crucified and risen! Several times Ferney began weeping as he shared the gospel with his tribe, a thing unheard of for man to do in public according to this culture! Ferney asked the people if they would like to receive Jesus to be their Savior. Kevin looked to his left where the king was seated on the floor. He watched as a miracle took place. With a wide smile the king raised his hand signaling that he wanted to serve Jesus. One by one hands began to raise all over the hut until the entire tribe had raised their hands! There were approximately 40 or more.

The team prayed with them and ministered to the people praying for the sick, most of them women and children. The Holy Spirit was poured out among them.

The king invited the team to come back the next day and share more about Jesus!