

BRIGHT HOPE®

Buena Ventura

Community Development Proposal

Ucayali River Valley, Peru



Project Background

In the jungles of Peru, there still exists communities that are completely unreached by the gospel of Christ. In these areas, there are no Bibles written in the tribal language, people worship the Sun-God, and most of the villagers are controlled by superstition brought on by the local witchdoctor.

Not only is there spiritual poverty, but there is a great physical poverty as well. Because these communities are so isolated, they lack adequate sources for nutrition, clean drinking water, and any medical or dental care. Most people own only one or two shirts and not everyone has the privilege of owning a blanket.

These communities are often hostile, even violent, to outsiders coming to their area. They remain isolated and stuck in a web of poverty. “Segadores” (Spanish for “Harvester / Reaper”) is a Christian Peruvian organization that has looked on these remote jungle communities with compassion. They long to see physical suffering alleviated as well as spiritual questions find answers in Christ Jesus.

Segadores sends Peruvian missionaries into the jungle to live with tribal people. They demonstrate the Biblical command to “love your neighbor” in practical ways – from implementing literacy programs, nutritional support, and agricultural training, to providing medical and dental care, initiating clean water campaigns, and training leaders. Through these practical projects, the Segadores missionaries build relationships with the tribal people, introduce Jesus Christ, and plant a Christian church.

Segadores Mission Statement:

To reach with the gospel the unreached people of Peru and the world.



Project Summary

Segadores sent two missionary couples to the remote community of Buena Ventura deep in the heart of the Peruvian jungles. Melchor Huillca and Macedonio Huamani and their families moved to Buena Ventura and immediately began ministering to the needs of the local people. They have installed a well and, for the very first time, the community now has a reliable source of clean water.

Additionally, although the government provides teachers for grades 1-6, the Segadores missionaries have expanded the school to include preschool through high school students. And, recognizing that many children lack the proper nutrition to maximize their potential to learn, the missionaries started a feeding program that now provides 60 students with a meal at the school.

Now, the Segadores missionaries are excited to move their project ahead. They would like to start sustainable community development projects that will provide additional food for their feeding program. The missionaries will train the community to manage fish ponds, breed and raise guinea pigs, and grow corn and soy. These three programs will enable the community members to earn a sustainable income as well be a consistent source of food for the school feeding program.

Because the missionaries in Buena Ventura have become so involved in the practical needs of the community, they have earned the respect of the people. Now, the people of Buena Ventura are becoming receptive to the Gospel. These missionaries now need a church in which to meet as well as materials to help explain the Bible to those who are hearing it for the very first time. The respect of these missionaries has also spread to neighboring villages where the missionaries have been asked to come and start a church. Praise God for the ways His message is expanding throughout the Peruvian jungle.



Budget

In order for Segadores to expand in Buena Ventura, \$34,949 is needed:

Program	Item	Cost	Needed to:
Missionary Care	Lightening Rod	\$1,722	Protect electronic equipment from frequent lightening strikes
Feeding Center	Fish Pond	\$1,435	Provide food for the school feeding center. Currently, the government sends a small inconsistent supply of food but it is not enough to provide for the needs of the children. Through these ventures, consistent food will be supplied.
	Agriculture	\$287	
	Guinea Pigs	\$2,871	
Community Development	Building Construction	\$20,094	Purchase a brick molding machine and materials to construct a church and repair school.
	Dental Projects	\$4,306	Transport dentists from Lima, train locals, and purchase a starter kit. Locals will then continue practicing dentistry within the community.
Church Planting	Motor Boat	\$2,081	Enable Segadores missionaries to travel via the river to other needy communities.
	Bible Study Materials	\$718	Provide the missionaries with materials for evangelistic Bible studies.
	Outreaches	\$1,435	Provide funds to travel to other communities.
Total Budget:		\$34,949	

Lives Impacted

These community development programs will virtually touch all 500 residents of the Buena Ventura area. Additionally, as the missionaries explore further unreached areas of the Ucayali River Valley, many more will be exposed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Next Steps

Segadores is excited to expand their ministry in Buena Ventura. Through their involvement in the practical needs of the community, God has blessed these missionaries with the respect of the local people and many have responded positively to the gospel. Supplies and materials are now needed to expand the work in Buena Ventura. And, as the missionaries continue their work in the jungle, their reputation goes ahead of them making other communities interested in not only physical relief but also eternal hope. Won't you partner with Segadores to bring both development and the gospel to the jungles of Peru?