



# NOTIREIBA

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## LOCAL REIBAS

### REIBA MISSION FÁTIMA – BOLIVIA

**August 6th.** Celebrating the Fiestas Patrias of Bolivia celebrating 198 years of independence. the student parade accompanied by teachers, authorities and parents. The Church contributes with the mission of love and service to the neighbor from the family and society.



**August 15.** The 73rd anniversary of the founding of the Fatima Mission community was commemorated with spaces for meeting and fraternal sharing. The women recovered and presented a traditional dance accompanied by the sound of the typical flute and bass drum, also the tsimane leader Justina Canchi painted the image of the Assumption with inculturated features on the front wall of the temple.

School reinforcement for high school students. The volunteer Nery helps with the correct use of Spanish, as well as mathematics and general culture. This activity takes place on Fridays and Saturdays from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm with students who want to continue their higher education. In these meetings there is an intercultural space where the volunteer also learns about the Tsimane language and culture.



**August 24** The volunteer attended on August 24 the Virtual Seminar "Formative Experiences REIPAM" with the theme: Synod of the Amazon and Dear Amazonia.

The objective of the seminar was to present some experiences developed and/or supported by REIPAM that allowed to deepen the synodal process with the territories.

**August 30.** With the objective of strengthening community education in the REIBIBA EIBI proposal, efforts are articulated with the health post of Misión Fatima represented by Dr. Javier Flores (Ministry of Public Health) who with the teachers and the volunteer carry out deworming and health education days for school children, this will substantially improve the teaching-learning process and therefore the educational level of the schoolchildren.







### REIBA AISHALTON-GUYANA

**29 July -11 August.** The REIBA Volunteer was visiting some communities around Lethem in St. Ignatius Mission: Kamoo and Shulinab with Fr. Ronnie. She then spent a week in Karasabi with the Ursuline Sisters (Srs. Nishi and Sushita), where she met with Bishop Francis and Fr. He also visited Tipuru (original Macushi village).



**August 8.** Fr. Joel, a Guyanese Jesuit and member of the local REIBA team, visited the Jesuit community in Manaus. He then met the REIBA office and some sisters of the Precious Blood of Christ College, where Sydney lived. He came to Manaus to participate in the CEAMA meeting together with Bishop Francis and Joy. In the photo (Joy Simon, Jose Luis Andrade of REIBA Venezuela and Fr. Joel)



**12 August.** Sydney arrived at his place of mission, Aishalton, in Guyana. Joel and Fr. Joel visited the Maruranau community for First Communion and then Karaudarnau for a teachers' workshop-both communities have schools that are implementing the IBE program.



**August 16-17.** The local REIBA Guyana team met with teachers from kindergarten and primary schools in three communities that are implementing the intercultural bilingual education program. This year they will do so with the first grade. The teachers worked together to plan lessons, review the teachers' manual, and discuss the implementation of the program in the classroom. Volunteer Sydney presented the REIBA project, EIB, and the new EFTs, valuing the work that the teachers in those schools are doing and the contribution they are making as part of REIBA. The teachers were happy to see that their work also has an impact outside their community and that there are other communities working on the same mission! Most of the teachers are indigenous and teach in the same community where they live.







**13 August.** Sydney received by the Wapichana community in Aishalton during the Eucharist on Sunday, August 13.

**26 August.** Schools in Guyana will reopen for the next 9 days. Sydney Stewart, REIBA volunteer in Guyana, is helping to prepare first grade storybooks for the Wapichan children.



**REIBA SARRAPIA - COLOMBIA**

**August 20-21.** On August 20-21, 2023, at the Kuāwāi Educational Institution, Sarrapia, the Piaroa Educational Project (PEP) meeting was held. It was a space to socialize the progress of the reorganization of the PEP according to the Plan of Life of the Piaroa People, and the sign that will define the education of the schools that comprise the 17 communities. Teachers, students, administrative staff, authorities, parents, community representatives and the local REIBA team worked on the revision of important documents (Below: Group work and presentation defining the educational sign. The contribution of each participant from their own knowledge was significant).



**REIBA DIKARO - ECUADOR**

**August.** REIBA Volunteer Isabel accompanies 5 young Waorani from Dikaro in their university studies who are preparing to become teachers of intercultural bilingual education in their communities. This month Isabel gave us the good news that in the final exam of this semester all of them had passed satisfactorily and with good grades. We congratulate all of them (yellow shirt): Maritza Caigua, Magdalena Orengo, José Yate, Maycol Coba and Milton Boya and especially Isabel who tirelessly accompanied this process morning, afternoon and night, from Monday to Sunday.



**August 20.** The local REIBA Dikaro team has always been committed to accompanying the Waorani people in their struggles and demands against oil companies. On August 20 in Ecuador, the Ecuadorian people voted in favor of not exploiting oil in the Yasuni Park, which covers an area of 100,000 hectares. This event has become an unprecedented historical event. On Facebook Isabel states: "Yasuní is our common home and that is why we protect and defend it".







**REIBA IAURETÊ - BRASIL**

**August 18** . REIBA Volunteer, Luciana, together with Sr. Mariluce met with the teachers of Escola São Miguel in the district of Iauaretê. Also present were the Secretary and the interim vice-principal. First, they discussed the steps for diagnosing the school. The teachers were given some questions to answer and submit on the following Monday. Afterwards, Luciana provided guidance on the online registration for participation in the Thematic Training Meetings that REIBA is promoting for the training of teachers in Panamazonia. Although all the teachers already have a load of 40 hours, they showed interest in registering. Luciana will help with their registration.

**August 30th** . Luciana participates in the community work for the cleaning of the São Miguel School grounds. She was told she was working as one of them.



**REIBA PUERTO NARIÑO - COLOMBIA**

**August** . The school in Puerto Nariño, supported by REIBA Volunteer, Milena, advanced in the EIB, allowing students to share their culture and beliefs in the tourism class. There they must prepare for the tour guide, explaining the school's murals that contain the Tikuna cosmovision. The proposal was for them to research the meaning of each mural and share it with their classmates.







## COORDINACIÓN CENTRAL

### COMMITMENTS REIBA



In the second meeting, Fr. Pablo shared his experiences with the REIBAs of Colombia. Afterwards, they discussed the preparation of the topics and contents for the August 31 meeting of the Enlarged Commission.

**August 5 and 28.** The coordinators of the commissions of EIB (Andrés), Volunteers (Sr. Lisette), Communication (Andrés) and Management/Administration (Sr. Julia) met. In the first meeting a summary and evaluation of the month of July was made. Pablo also shared about his visit to the REIBAs in Ecuador. The work projections for the month of August and the follow-up of the process of the Thematic Formation Meetings were also made

### REIBAS PERÚ

**August 25.** Only REIBA Wijint (Vicariate of Yurimaguas) participated, with the absence of REIBA Pucallpa (Vic. of Pucallpa) and REIBA Timpía (Vic. of Pto. Maldonado). It was a meeting where the evaluation of the recommendations of the systematization of last year was made as well as the projection of what is left of the year with the EFT (Thematic Training Meetings), hoping that the local REIBA team will accompany this process.

In the photo: the coordinating team, Lucy the advisor, Prof. Max and Sisters Kenia and Yomaris, Daughters of Jesus.



### REIBA GUYANA

**August 10.** The presentation and analysis of the diagnoses of two primary schools in Karadarnau and Maruranau where REIBA Aishalton will accompany the EIBE began. Present were: Lucy, Andres, JoAnn, Sylverius and Sydney.



### REIBAS COLOMBIA

**August 22.** It was a very hectic meeting because of the Internet. The best connection was from Puerto Nariño. Mamabwe had an intermittent connection and Sarrapia could not connect due to lack of internet for some months. The topics were the evaluation of the recommendations made in the systematization and the steps being taken by the REIBAs for the Thematic Training Meetings (EFT). In the photo: the coordinating team, our advisor Lucy, Volunteer Milena (Pto Nariño) and Sister Martha Cecilia, mml (Mamabwe).





# COORDINACIÓN CENTRAL

## Voluntariado

**August 3.** The REIBA 2023 Volunteer Training Program begins, with the happiness of having 11 volunteers in preparation, from countries such as: Colombia, Argentina, Brazil, Peru and Mexico. They are happy to be part of REIBA and eager to help with their service to strengthen their own education in the Amazon.



**August 8.** A meeting was held with the Volunteers in the Amazon to see the process of the Thematic Training Meetings (EFT), where important topics in intercultural bilingual education will be discussed and which will help in the training of teachers and leaders of the indigenous communities. In fact, this will be the most important work priority for the REIBA Volunteers in the months of September, October and November.



**August 17th.** 2nd Transition meeting with former volunteers who have completed their mission experience, being accompanied by Kelli and JoAnn, in this process of sharing, dialogue and listening.





## VISIT OF FR.PABLO TO THE REIBAS IN COLOMBIA (AUGUST 10 - 23)

### Arquidiócesis de Florencia - REIBA Mamabwe

**August 10.** Fr. Pablo and Sr. Martha Ardila mml, animator of the Mission of the Province of Bogota, arrived in the afternoon in Mamabwe from Florencia by the Orteguzaza River, being welcomed by Sr. Martha Cecilia Lipez, coordinator of the local REIBA.

August 11. In the morning, a meeting was held with the teachers of the elementary school that are administratively dependent on the school and are located along the banks of the Orteguzaza River. This meeting dealt with the dimensions of REIBA and the Thematic Formative Encounters (EFT). In the afternoon, Fr. Pablo celebrated a Eucharist for the children of some teachers who died in difficult circumstances: suicide, sudden death and murder. All of them left family. We also celebrated the Easter of missionary Sister Laurita Librada Cabrera.





**August 12.** In the morning they went by boat to the community of San Luis, accompanied by the Director of the school in Mamabwe, Luis Alberto Piranga.

They were welcomed there by Professor Norma Iles, director of the elementary school. The students made a beautiful presentation, followed by a fraternal lunch.

In the afternoon, they sailed from San Luis to the community of Jerichá, where they visited Prof. Tirso Pirangas.



**August 13.** In the afternoon, they had the meeting with the coordinator of the Secondary School teachers to reach agreements on the schedule and logistics needed for the EFTs. The same for the elementary school teachers dispersed in other communities.

In the afternoon went to the community of Gorgonia to celebrate Sunday mass.

**August 14.** In the morning, they went by boat to the community of Agua Negra to visit the school where teachers Miriam and Orfa work. There was a welcome and presentation. They also met Prof. Yolanda.



In the afternoon, on their return to Florence, they were welcomed by Monsignor Omar Giraldo who was informed about the visit to REIBA Mamabwe. They also made contact with the Universities of the Amazon and Minuto de Dios, to inform them about the REIBA program.







**August 15.** Once in Bogota, Father Pablo and Sister Martha Lucia met with Andrés Ramos, coordinator of the EIB and Communication Commissions, with whom they had a long and fruitful conversation about the REIBA process.



**Vicariato de Inírida- REIBA Sarrapia**

**August 16.** P. Pablo and Sister Martha Lucia arrived from Bogota to Inirida where they were welcomed at the airport by REIBA Volunteers, Rosa and Sister Cinthya and Nilton from the Piaora community. In the afternoon, they continued by boat to the community of Sarrapia.



**August 17.** In the morning, Fr. Pablo talked with the volunteers and the coordinator of the local team. In the afternoon there was a meeting with the teachers of the Kuwai school, where they talked about the Thematic Formation Encounters and the logistics involved. At the end of the afternoon there was a Eucharist in the Sarrapia community. And in the evening, an evaluation of the REIBA process with all the local REIBA team.





**August 18.** In the morning they sailed together with teachers and leaders of Sarrapia by boat to Pueblo Nuevo - Mataven, where a meeting was being held with the 17 capitancias of the Piaroa people. There a presentation was made about the dimensions of the REIBA project and the invitation to the EFT. Volunteer Prof. Ruddy helped with the translation into Piaroa.



**August 19.** In the morning, they sailed to Pueblo Nuevo - Zama and had the Eucharist with the whole community, followed by an assembly where they evaluated the REIBA process and the presence of the Volunteer in this community. In addition, the community appointed another local volunteer, Erika, former captain of Pueblo Nuevo. Local volunteer Claudia helped with the translation into Piaroa. After a community lunch, discussions were held with community leaders about the logistics of the EFT.







**August 20.** Farewell and return to Inírida where we had a meeting with Bishop Joselito Carreño about the experience in Sarrapia. Then together with Sister Sara we sailed down the Guaviare River until we reached Sejal.



**August 21.** A meeting was held with the captains and leaders of several Sicanu-speaking communities. A presentation was made about the REIBA Project and the proposal to start the local REIBA in Sejal. Flania Copete, rector of the primary and secondary school, was open and enthusiastic.



**August 22nd.** The students of the school were visited and a meeting was held with the teachers who were also invited to participate in the EFT. In the afternoon, we sailed back to Inírida, where Fr. Pablo informed the bishop about the visit to El Sejal.



**August 23.** Travel to Bogota. In the afternoon, visited the provincial house of the Daughters of Charity. Isabel Chavez, Provincial Secretary, where she was informed about the process of the local REIBA team in Puerto Nariño to communicate it to the Provincial who was in Venezuela. In the evening, Fr. Pablo traveled back to Manaus.







# Extended Commission

## 3rd Meeting

(31/08/2023)



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