

## LOCAL REIBA IN THE PANAMAZONÍA

### **REIBA MISSION FÁTIMA- BOLIVIA**

**November 9th.** San Borja. Delivery of the volunteer REIBA's management report. On this day, volunteer Nery Fabian accompanied by Sister Cecilia Puentestar, Coordinator of the Local REIBA, visited the institutions involved in the intercultural educational project with the Tsimane people of Mission Fatima. We thank the District Directorate of Education, Great Tsimane Council, Municipal Education Directorate, Brothers of Menehan, and San Borja Parish, who in some way are part of the great REIBA family.



**November 14th.** Mission Fatima. Delivery of the volunteer REIBA's management report to the teachers of Mission Fatima with the schedule developed during this year, with accomplished objectives and others for the next school year. Later, a fraternity lunch was shared with them. **November 30th.** San Borja. Finishing this first year, volunteer Nery presented to the sisters the general summary of the activities carried out in Mission Fatima with the Tsimane community. Present were the former Provincial of Ecuador Sister Estela Flores, Cecilia Puentestar, coordinator of the local REIBA, Sisters Magdalena Mora, and Digna Pauta."





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### **REIBA AISHALTON - GUYANA**

**Música em Potarinua:** Um workshop de música aconteceu em Potarinua junto com outras sete comunidades. A voluntária Sydney fez parte dessa iniciativa, ajudando no ensino dos cânticos dos salmos. O padre Joel apoiou com o piano, enquanto o padre Edwin e o irmão Medino acompanharam com violões. Foi uma experiência bonita onde a fé e a música foram compartilhadas.



**November 4th:** The youth group from the Church of San Roberto Bellarmine in Aishalton ('Bellarminos Youth'), accompanied by the volunteer, visited the sick and elderly of the community, praying and singing with them and their families. They also shared the daily Gospel in English and Wapichan. This beautiful experience motivated the youth to desire to make these visits twice a month as a way of serving their community.



**November 5th - 6th:** The community had the joy of the visit from the Provincial of the Jesuits, Fr. Martín Lenk. He and other priests were warmly welcomed by the community with a multilingual welcome through songs and dances. The next day, they met with various pastoral agents, including leaders accompanying the youth group, Alex Duncan and Marlyn St. Hill, who shared the work they are doing in the community and their dreams for the future. Afterwards, some youth continued to accompany their visit, participating in Eucharistic celebrations with other communities.



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**November 7th:** Visit to the Sawariwau community alongside the Jesuit priests. Sawariwau is one of the communities that has a bilingual program in its elementary school. The community welcomed the visitors with welcome songs, and the students, wearing their traditional clothes, introduced themselves in Wapichan and English, presenting traditional necklaces to each visitor. Later, they attended some classroom sessions to observe the intercultural activities employed in the classes.



November 17th: Visit to the Karaudarnau Primary School, which currently uses a bilingual curriculum. The local REIBA team accompanied the District 9 Education Officer, Mr. Marti de Souza, to observe how bilingual intercultural classes are implemented. The visit involved bilingual songs and stories, student-made arts, traditional dances, and a presentation of the bilingual program's materials.



**November 25th:** Thanksgiving Day was celebrated with the youth of Aishalton. Embracing the spirit of interculturality, volunteer Sydney shared the tradition of Thanksgiving with the community. Everyone brought food, and during dinner, they shared blessings in their lives for which they were thankful. It was a moment of deep fraternity, gathering everyone around a table where all felt welcomed.





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### **REIBA DIKARO - ECUADOR**

November 21st - 23rd: Participation in the Training Assembly proposed by the Aguarico Vicariate for the training and formation of new missionaries. This allowed for sharing experiences with other volunteers working in the territory, as well as getting acquainted with the educational projects of the Aguarico Vicariate. A visit was made to the museum of Monseñor Alejandro Labaka and Sister Inés Arango, martyrs of the Amazon.





**November 28th:** The Waorani university students from Dikaro, who are supported by Volunteer REIBA Isabel and study at the Salesian Polytechnic University, were invited by adult education teachers from the Yachana Educational Unit in Dikaro. They were asked to share their experiences with adult Waorani students who did not complete their schooling, motivating them to finish their studies and pursue a profession or technical career.



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#### REIBA WIJINT – PERÚ

November 16th: The 5thyear students of Wijint school traveled to San Lorenzo for a promotional trip. The journey lasted three days to get there, and they will spend a week there. They were accompanied by some of their teachers, tutors, and parents. In San Lorenzo, they will interact with the Yankuam Jintia promotion, comprised of high school students from the 7 ethnic groups of Loreto.



**November 18th:** Celebration of Food Sovereignty Day in the Achuar community. There was a food dish competition. Starting from the previous day, each grade went into the forest to gather their ingredients. They began cooking their dishes from early Saturday morning, whether they were birds, fish, vegetables, greens, or fruits. They had to research, ask, and seek advice to prepare various traditional dishes. The group with tubers won the competition.



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### **REIBA MAMABWE -COLOMBIA**

**November 14th:** Integration day between the branches of schools affiliated with the college in Mamabwe, held in the Agua Negra community. Children from two other schools, along with their teachers, participated: Ariel Mohamed Bolaños from the "Estrellas" School, Yolanda Ibáñez Gutiérrez from the "San Francisco" School, and teachers Orfa Figueroa Piranga and Miriam Cruz Piranga from Agua Negra. Sister Lisette, Coordinator of the REIBA Volunteer Program, also visited ELR Mamabwe during this time, where Religious Volunteer Laurita Nancy works.



## THEMATIC FORMATIVE SESSIONS EIB

Throughout this month, there were sessions for sharing reflective work where various groups, such as Aishalton in Guyana, San Antonio de Lomerio, and Mission Fatima in Bolivia; Pueblo Nuevo, Sarrapia, Mama Bwe Reojache, Atana, and Awa in Colombia; Wijint in Peru; Dikaro and Sinvayacu in Ecuador; and the laurate mission in Brazil, shared their reflections and learnings.

November 7th: Sharing experiences and reflections on the Thematic Formative Meetings. REIBAs from Mission Fatima, Sarrapia, laurete, and Dikaro presented their experiences. **EXPERIENCIA PERSONAL Y** COMUNITARIA nivel personal y comunitaria nos RICAURTE-YECSY... Maricarmen Paredes Rangel García Cam.. elacionamos con el tema elegido porque somos hablantes de la lengua propia "el korebaju", por tal motivo fuimos elegidos para fortalecer este proceso como Carmen Pocoena docentes bilingües, desde la

comunidad educativa en general.

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**November 14th:** Last session for sharing reflections on Thematic Formative Meetings. The REIBAs from:

- Aishalton Guyana
- San Antonio de Lomerio Bolivia
- Pueblo Nuevo Colombia
- Wijin Perú

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- Mama Bwe Colombia
- Silvayacu Ecuador
- Awa Colombia
- Atana, Sarrapia Colombia.

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### **REIBA SARRAPIA - COLOMBIA**

**October 31st and November 1st:** Teachers from the Kuäwäi Educational Institution, belonging to the Piaroa community of Sarrapia, gathered with Volunteer Rosa Fontan to reflect and prepare the final presentation of the Thematic Formative Meetings (EFT).







November 7th:

Teachers from the Kuäwäi Educational Institution who participated in the EFT presented the theme of the Native Calendar.





## **CENTRAL COORDINATION**

November 1st: Discussions were held regarding the sessions of the Thematic Formative Meetings that took place in September and October, as well as projections and new paths opening up in the training of teachers and leaders from Amazonian communities. Monsignor David Martínez de Aguirre, President of REIBA, joined us.



### **REIBA Commission - Coordinators**

**November 17th:** Agenda items included final preparations with new volunteers and local REIBA teams (ELR), evaluation of the last November Thematic Formative Meeting sessions, REPAM events (Expanded Committee and Communicators' meeting), and financial reports from ELRs and Volunteers.

**November 21st:** Content preparation review for the Expanded EIB Commission Assembly.

### Expanded REIBA Commission

**November 23rd:** Final assembly of the Expanded EIB Commission, specifically inviting coordinators from all local REIBAs. Some guests from the REPAM nuclei were also present: Lily Calderón (Human Rights), Alexandra Heras (Training), and Azucena Correa (Itinerant Team).

The meeting focused on the Thematic Formative Meetings and their effects on the territory (teachers, indigenous leaders, ELRs, and Volunteers). They also shared the topics discussed in the REPAM **Expanded** Committee Assembly in Florencia (Colombia) and the **REPAM Communicators'** meeting in Bogotá. **REPAM** representatives concluded with greetings to RFIBA.





### **VOLUNTEERING - REIBA**

**November 11th - 15th:** Visit from the Coordinator of the Volunteering Commission, Sister Lisette Escárate Ramos, HDM, to the Mama Bwe Reojaché Educational Community in Caquetá, Colombia. Gratitude is extended to the director, Don Luis Alberto Piranga Bolaños, teachers, and the Missionary Sisters of Mother Laura: Sister Martha Cecilia, Sister Blanca, and Sister Nancy.

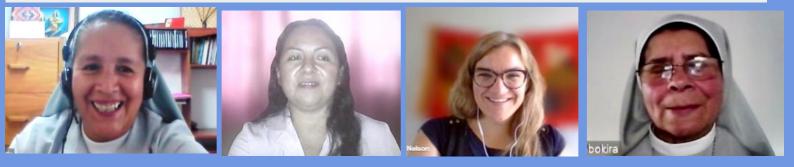


### **Training Program**

**November:** REIBA Volunteers (Group 4) continued their preparation for the mission this month. Our presenters covered the following topics:

Sister Judith Patiño, mml: Indigenous spirituality, sacred places, territory, symbolism," "Indigenous myths and rituals, "Inculturation of faith (Pastoral Life in communities)" Yésica Patiachi: The role of women in Amazonian indigenous peoples" and "Oral narratives in indigenous peoples and their role in children's education.

**Kelli Nelson:** How to adapt? Learning to better integrate into another culture. **Sister Ana Joaquina Merchán, mml:** Tips for learning the native language I and II"



**November 23rd:** Our dear Volunteer Milena Rodríguez Fuentes concludes her service time in the Territory, alongside the REIBA in Puerto Nariño, Colombia. We sincerely thank her for all the loving support provided to the Tikuna children and youth. We ask for infinite blessings for her dreams and projects. Thank you, Milena!



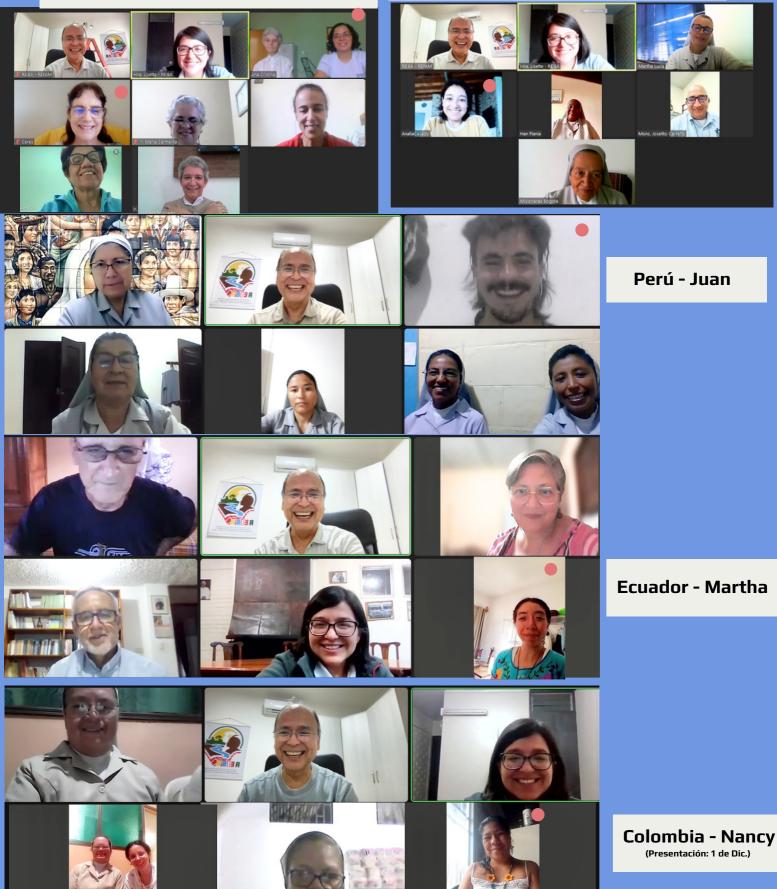
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**Volunteers REIBA 2024 - Destinations and Presentations.** This month, after national and international volunteers became aware of their mission destinations, meetings have been conducted with the local REIBAs that will welcome them in the upcoming year of 2024. This has successfully created an official presentation space and initial interaction with their respective REIBA.

### Brasil - Hna. Ana Cristina y Ceres

Colombia - Analía





### **REIBA - REPAM**

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**4th to 6th November:** REIBA participated in the meeting of Communicators from the Pan-Amazon Ecclesial Network (REPAM) and allied institutions that gathered in Bogotá, Colombia, to assess, reflect, and discuss the network communication process, establishing priorities for their upcoming actions.



**th to 10th November:** The Expanded Committee of REPAM was held in the city of Florencia, Caquetá (Colombia). REIBA was represented by Sister Lisette, who took part in reflection and evaluation spaces, identifying with the prophetic identity of this great Network, renewing our commitment to pastoral urgencies, and facing the challenge of greater articulation among those of us involved. Together, we began preparing, with grateful hearts, for the celebration of its 10-year anniversary since its inception, to continue striving to be a "Source of life in the heart of the Church."









### Note: GENERAL ASSEMBLY REIBA - DECEMBER 12, 2023

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