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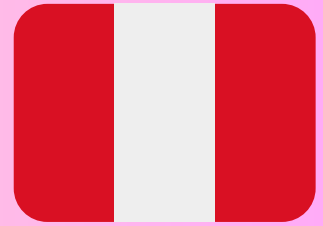


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REIBA KIRIGUETI - PERU



NARRATIVE BY: HOME TEAM REIBA KIRIGUETI

We start this month by sharing with you the joy of having a new member in the REIBA Local Kiriguete, the volunteer **María Hilda Oliva**. On Saturday, **March 1st**, the Volunteer in the company of **Father Joel Chiquinta Vilchez** (parish priest of Kiriguete and member of our REIBA), began their journey to our community, arriving at their destination on **March 3rd**.



Let us pray for her and for her missionary vocation, especially at the beginning of her REIBA Volunteering, which she will live alongside the Dominican sisters and friars.



Since her arrival, the volunteer has been supporting the reinforcement of mathematics to the first students who were brought to the **Montetoni Kunirira Reserve** to resume their studies.



From her professional knowledge, she has supported the Educational Institution, both at the Initial, Primary and Secondary Level, in the maintenance of some computer equipment, as well as has provided help to different teachers who have requested the service of fixing their computers.

On the other hand, as a Local Team in order to make REIBA known to teachers, we have made presentations, making clear the mission, objectives and the places where the network is located.



In addition, in that same space, it sought to raise awareness among teachers about the value of **empathy**, which should be applied with students, especially with those who do not yet master Spanish well.



On Monday, **March 24**, with a solemn ceremony, we officially began classes.





FÁTIMA MISSION - BOLIVIA

NARRATIVE BY: NERY CHAMORRO AND ALFONSO FRANCO (REIBA VOLUNTEERS)



After the vacation period, in the first days of March, we met again with the Lauritas sisters in **San Borja**. In this reunion, we organized some details for the Tsimane's entrance trip to the Fatima Mission.



On **March 7**, we had the opportunity to start the school year with a meeting with the director of the Misión Fátima Educational Center, **Mr. Erick Rojas**, who is cooperating so that the REIBA project is integrated into this year's Curriculum, especially with regard to the Ecological Calendar and the CLIL Second Language Learning Methodology. In order to be able to work together with the teachers of the Misión Fátima Educational Unit.



On **March 8**, "**International Women's Day**", as REIBA volunteers of Misión Fátima, we wanted to thank in a special way the dear Lauritas Sisters, who continue to accompany us in this small project. Thank you! for their examples and teachings, for weaving together with us a fraternal community life of friendship.



On **Saturday, March 15**, we entered Mission Fatima to continue accompanying the Tsiman people. God bless these months of mission!





We would like to thank **Sr. Cecilia Puentestar, MML**. She was for some years Coordinator of the Local REIBA of Misión Fátima.

Thank you! Sister for always having a sincere desire to articulate the mission in the Territory and for welcoming the volunteers who have passed through her community during this time. May God continue to bless your consecrated life in the midst of the Peoples.



In addition, we warmly welcome **Sr. Mildre Ureta, MML**, who will be the new coordinator of the REIBA Misión Fátima. We wish you a blessed time of mission with the Tsiman People.

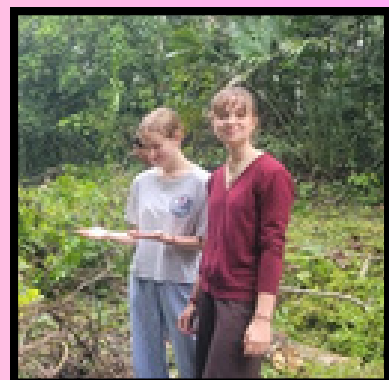
REIBA DICARO - ECUADOR

NARRATIVE BY: ISABEL LAGUNA AND MARTHA CHÁVEZ (VOLUNTARIAS REIBA)



From **8 to 16 March** we joyfully received **Adelaide and Maria**, two young Norwegian volunteers, who during their visit gave English classes to the young Waorani university students, emphasizing pronunciation and practice through small dialogues, based on the level of English that the Salesian university students handle.

These young women, following the recommendations given to them by **Professor Christian Rivera** (English teacher) sought to do dynamic theoretical/practical classes.



The Waorani youth, expressing their gratitude for a week of learning, painted them with achote according to the custom of Waorani women and gave them handmade gifts in gratitude for teaching them English.



Among other activities that these young volunteers carried out, was to give a basic English class to the adult students of **Yachana Inti** and a small performance was prepared in this language on the myth "the Sun and the Moon". They concluded grateful and enthusiastic expressing their desire to return to continue classes for one more week.



On Friday, **March 18**, a meeting was held with the parents of young people who are pursuing higher education in the community. We began with a prayer asking God that this space would be an instance of dialogue, sharing and joint search for solutions. The meeting was in charge of the secretaries and among the priority topics was the desire to know how the students were feeling in relation to their experience at **ISTEC, Salesian Polytechnic University, Amauta Wasi University and Javeriana University** respectively.



The parents, for the most part, expressed their gratitude, others expressed their concern about some personal behaviors that their children are having, as well as other family problems.

They expressed the importance of the Waorani ancestral wisdom that is rescued and given in the higher studies that their children are having.

On the other hand, **Sr. Marlene Cachipuendo** presented an economic report that accounts for the investment made in each university institution to support the higher education of Waorani students. Parents and students were impressed to learn how much the Commune invests at the time of giving a scholarship, in addition to what the allied institutions that support higher education contribute.

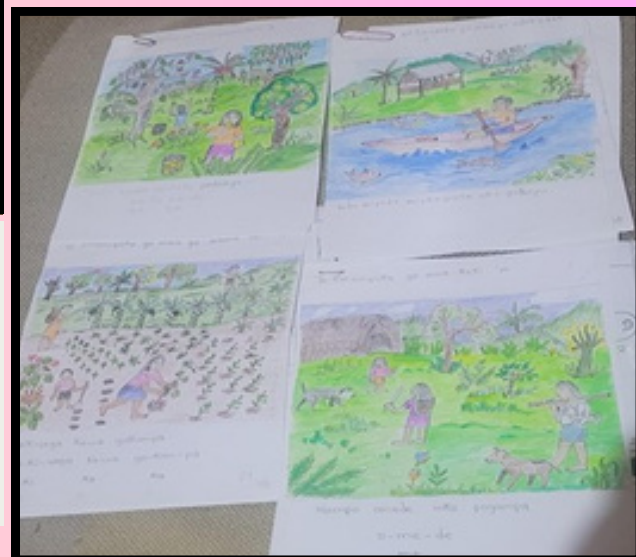
The intention of making this reality transparent is so that the efforts that are made can be valued even more, in order to **persevere**, since some Waorani students did not want to continue their studies or receive the accompaniment in these.





We continue the work of the **elaboration of Primers in Wao**. We have been developing this work since the middle of last year with the participation of students from the Salesian University.

Since the beginning of this work, we have counted on the wise personalized advice of **Sr. Inés Ochoa** and now with the company of **Sr. Marlene** and **Volunteer Isabel Laguna**. These bilingual booklets have been designed for children in the first school years, which aim to teach reading and writing and strengthen notions of mathematics.



The **student Néstor Tocarí** is carrying out an advocacy project in the community where he is sharing the knowledge he is receiving at the university. Some of the activities she is carrying out are in support of the Waoranis women's association group, through the planting of fruit trees and helping in some repairs in the lodging house. In addition, she is working with the children of the community, strengthening the Waorani identity through painting and drawing.



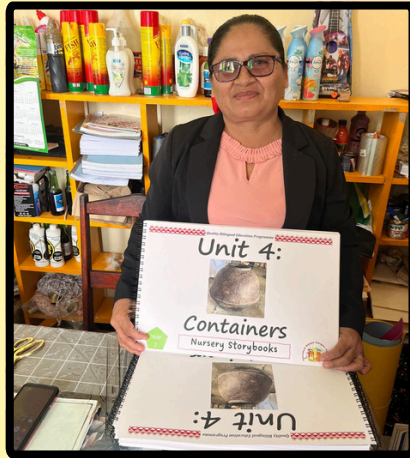
The group of **ecotourism students** has begun their application process to the university, they are enthusiastic and eager to continue a university career, as they dream of building a better future for their community. They have already taken the admission exam and are now waiting to get a place at **Amawtay Wasi University**. Let us pray for them, for their families and projects so that they can continue persevering and encouraged in their university studies.





REIBA AISHALTON - GUYANA

NARRATIVE BY: SYDNEY STEWART (REIBA VOLUNTEER)



On **March 3 and 4**, we made the community support visit to **Maruranau**. It was a new opportunity to deliver more updated children's books to **the Maruranau HM Nursery School** which were received by its director **Miss Mureen Aguilar**, a project supported by the Inter-American Development Bank.



On the first day we went to the primary school to observe the classes and advise the teachers.



On the second day, we held a workshop with 30 parents to discuss the importance of supporting children's education and strengthening their children's literacy at home. It was a fruitful visit and each of the parents committed to promoting their children within their homes.

On **Thursday, March 6**, volunteer **Sydney Stewart** was part of a virtual meeting with 5th grade students from a Catholic school in the U.S., to testify to them about her experience as a volunteer in Guyana and the importance of living their faith through Service. The children asked excellent questions, in addition to being enthusiastic and attentive listening to their testimony. We hope that this connection can be expanded and soon establish contact with the 5th grade class of Aishalton Elementary School.



Lecto Mania! For 2 weeks (**March 10-21**) we encouraged Aishalton Elementary students to visit the library, borrow books, and read at home with their parents. They were asked to record their reading time and challenge their peers to see who could read the most. The aim was to encourage reading and encourage parents to engage with their children to promote literacy at school and at home.

DREAMING WITH A CHURCH WITH AN AMAZONIAN FACE

On **March 4, 5 and 6**, the **Congress of Servants (SIGÑE)** of the Shuar, Waorani and Kichwa Nationalities of the **Vicariate of Aguarico (Ecuador)** was held. A unique experience where servers meet to talk about the realities that affect them: pollution, poverty, health problems, lack of services, access to education for young people, drug addiction, alcoholism, suicide, teenage pregnancy, etc. This is how, in the light of the Word and of the pastoral work in their areas, proposals for solutions are born.



They were intense days, where we had the participation of **Tayta Maximiliano** who shared the origins of SIGÑE. The focus of pastoral work was expressed in the following words:

"... it is like the two feet of a person, with one walks the spiritual (sacramental) and with the other foot walks the social, you cannot walk with one foot but with both."

This is how the pastoral mission was wisely defined, involving them as committed actors, being active pastoral agents in their areas. Since in many places there was no priest or nun to accompany and it was they as "Servants" who arrived with the inculturated Word to their own peoples and with social development actions such as: teaching writing, reading, health care, humanitarian aid, support for productive initiatives, among others. (REIBA Dicaro)



In the **Mission of Kirigueta (Peru)** from **March 3 to 7**, a workshop on Natural Medicine was held for pastoral workers. This was directed by **Sr. Esther Rojas**, Dominican Missionary of the Rosary of the Philippines. - (REIBA Kirigueta)



Ash Wednesday in Aishalton (Guyana) was very meaningful, we started with the community mass and then spent the whole morning visiting house to house all the grandparents of the community to deliver the ashes to them.



On **Sunday, March 9**, the **1st Round of this year's Bible Contest** was held in **Aishalton**. The parish has a Junior and Senior Team that will participate in a Bible contest on the Gospel of Luke for the second year in a row. We proudly share with you that both teams are in the top 5.

This is a recreation instance where different parishes from all over the country meet. It is an excellent way to encourage children and young people to know more about the Word of God and to strengthen their faith communally.



On **Friday, March 14th**, we hosted the traditional **"Full Moon Meeting" at Bellarmine Hall**.

We continue to promote these community instances as moments of Thanksgiving, friendship and exchange of ancestral knowledge.



On **Monday, March 21**, Guyana received a great visit, the Papal Nuncio for the Caribbean, **Archbishop Santiago De Wit Guzmán**. He toured some communities, being accompanied by **Father Josué Frederic Ilboudo** and **Bishop Francis Alleyne, OSB**.



The Nuncio was visiting Guyana for the first time and wanted to see the reality that is lived within the communities, so he traveled to **the indigenous community of Potarinau**, where they were kindly received with a welcome dance, songs and gifts. He was also able to celebrate Mass at the **Benab** (traditional space for community meetings).



We together with the Jesuit team (**Fr. Ronnie, Volunteer Sydney Stewart, Fr. Chris, Fr. Edwin, Fr. Joel**), traveled to Potarinau, to meet and share with him, it was a really special visit.





On **Thursday, March 24th**, we celebrated the birthday of our beloved parish priest **Fr. Joel Thompson, SJ**.

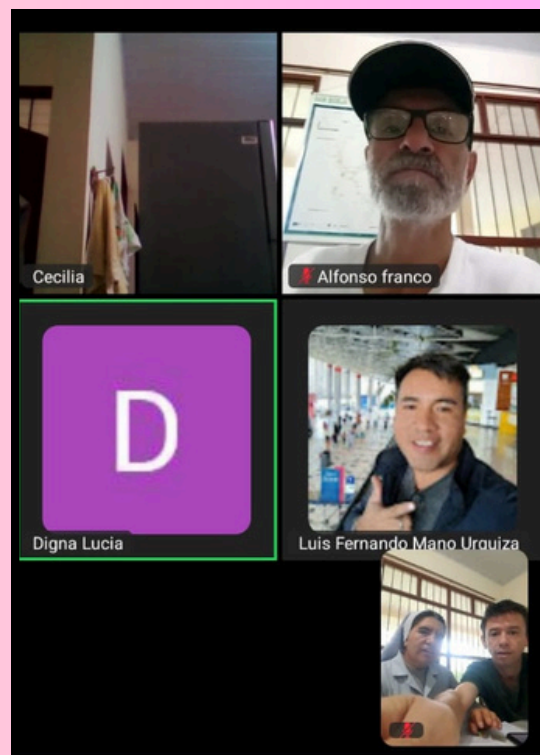
We gather and organize as pastoral agents so that we can celebrate the life of our pastor and friend.



Let us pray for his life, vocation and mission that he may receive abundant graces. Happy Birthday Fr. Joel! (REIBA Aishalton)



On **March 7th**, Volunteers Alfonso Franco and Nery Chamorro were invited by Sisters. Lauritas to participate in the drafting of the Indigenous **Pastoral Plan**, for this year, together with other representatives of **the Vicariate of Reyes (Bolivia)**. From REIBA we do our bit, based on the experience we lived together with the Tsimane people whom we accompany.



On Saturday, **March 8**, after the celebration of Holy Mass and a fraternal breakfast at the home of the Mennaisian Brothers, we met with the Parish Priest **Father Adolfo Pinto** to coordinate and manage the plan of activities for Mission Fatima, from the pastoral accompaniment that is carried out together with the Sisters. Lauritas. We thank Father Adolfo for his openness and closeness.



The World Jubilee of Volunteering Day was celebrated on the 1st Sunday of Lent, **March 9**, at **St. Borja Parish**. As REIBA Volunteers we received the blessing of missionary sending. (REIBA M.Fátima)



We are reminded of the words of **Pope Francis** who tell us: "I thank you very much, dear volunteers, because following the example of Jesus, you serve your neighbor without using your neighbor. In the streets and in homes, with the sick, the suffering, the imprisoned, the young and the elderly, their dedication instills hope in the whole of society."

In the deserts of poverty and loneliness, so many small gestures of gratuitous service give rise to shoots of a new humanity; that garden that God has dreamed of and continues to dream for all of us."



On **Wednesday, March 26**, thanks to the invitation of the Jesuit community, we were invited to participate in the Mass of sending **Father Pablo Mora**, which was held in the Loyola Space together with various Collaborators of the Society of Jesus. (REIBA Coordination)

Let us pray for Fr. Pablo in this time of rest in which he finds himself and for the new mission he will carry out together with his congregation.



CENTRAL COORDINATION



19 March, the REIBAS commissions; Communication, Volunteering and EIB met with the Central Coordination to finalize details for the 1st General Assembly and missionary sending REIBA 2025.

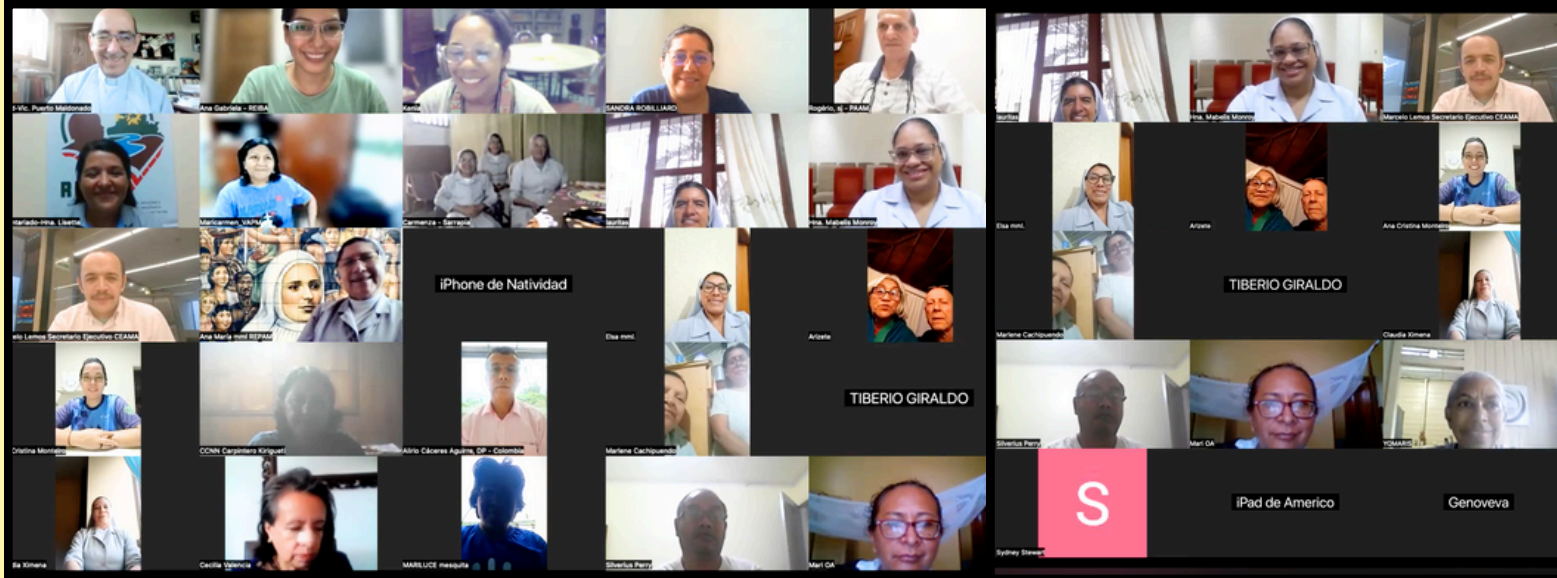
REIBA – CEAMA MEETING

March 20, we met as the General Coordination of REIBA together with CEAMA. The meeting was attended by: Monsignor David Martínez (President of REIBA), Marcelo Lemos (Executive Secretary of CEAMA), Viviana Granada (Financial Area of CEAMA), Sr. Alba Teresa (General Animator of Srs. Lauritas), Sr. Marbelis Monroy, Fr. Pablo Mora and Sr. Lisette Escárte.

The objective of this meeting was to clarify the relationship between CEAMA and REIBA. Which seeks to be, not only advice on administrative issues but also the articulation of dreams and mission.



MISSIONARY SENDING AND 1ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY REIBA 2025



March 25, the MISSIONARY SENDING was carried out for all REIBA members both to the new 2025 volunteers and to the coordinators, local teams and commissions. It was a space of gratitude and prayer, in a special way for the life and dedication in the mission of REIBA, to Fr. Pablo Mora SJ, who was General Coordinator from 2020 to March of this administration. In turn, the mission of the new coordinator, Sr. Marbelis Monroy M.M.L, asking the Lord to illuminate all the decisions I must make in order to continue weaving the web.

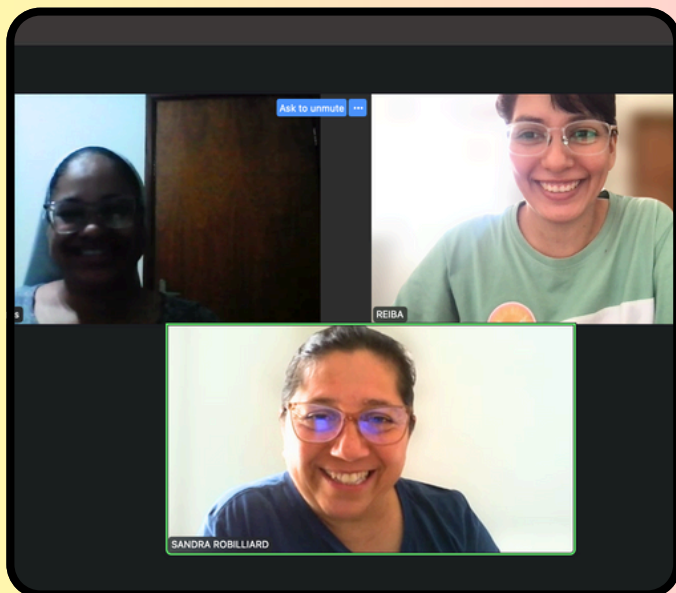
In this significant moment, we were accompanied by **Monsignor David Martinez (president of REIBA)**, **Marcelo Lemos (Executive Secretary of CEAMA)**, **Mauricio López (Vice President of CEAMA)**, REIBAS volunteers from past administrations and all those people who in one way or another are part of the REIBA family.

At the end of the missionary shipment, the 1st REIBA 2025 General Assembly was held in which the different commissions reported on the news for this year. Among the most prominent were:

- **Volunteering Committee:** Socialization of the REIBA Protection Policy
- **EIB Commission:** Approved schedule for personalized advice for the 1st semester/2025
- **Management and Administration Committee:** The continuity of the correct submission of the submissions for a better management of resources.
- **Communication Commission:** The positive response on official social networks with the increase in interest in the network.

EIB COMMISSION

THEMATIC TRAINING MEETINGS 2025 – ASESORÍA REIBA



March 20, the preparatory meeting for the 1st General Assembly 2025 was held with our **new EIB REIBA advisor, Sandra Robilliard**, to whom the process of the meeting and its purpose were explained.

Important issues were coordinated, such as the search for topics related to the EIB that can be useful, in the future, for those REIBAS that are close to meeting their objectives with the EFT module chosen in the 2024 management.

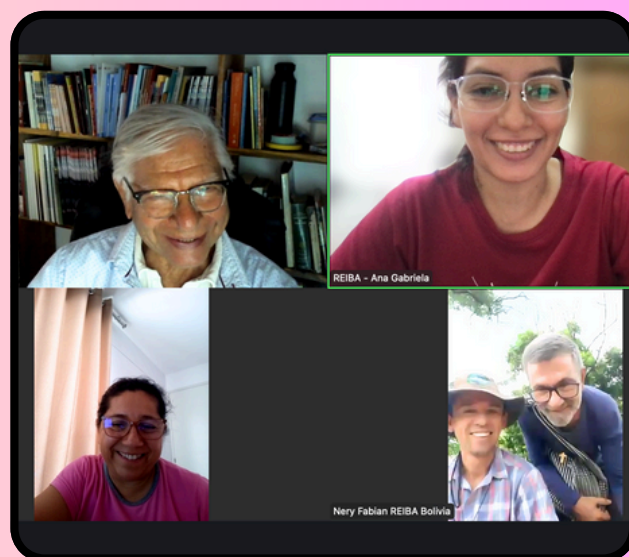
1ST PERSONALIZED ADVICE 2025 – ECOLOGICAL CALENDAR MODULE



FÁTIMA MISSION (BOLIVIA)

On **March 26th**, REIBA volunteers, Nery Chamorro and Alfonso Franco shared with Prof. Grimaldo the process of socialization of the Ecological Calendar of the Tsiman people that they did both with the community and with teachers of Fe y Alegría San Borja - Beni.

They received some indications from the expert to restructure the work team taking into account the rotation of non-native teachers that exists in this mission, for the continuity of the project.



EIB COMMISSION



REIBA SARRAPIA (COLOMBIA)



March 26, Sr. Carmenza together with teachers Ruddy and Samuel share their experience in trying to articulate the information of the Ecological Calendar in each of the subjects they are in charge of at the native school of Sarrapia.

Our expert suggests as a priority to try to involve other teachers so that there is a multidisciplinary implementation at the school level.



REIBA AISHALTON (GUYANA)



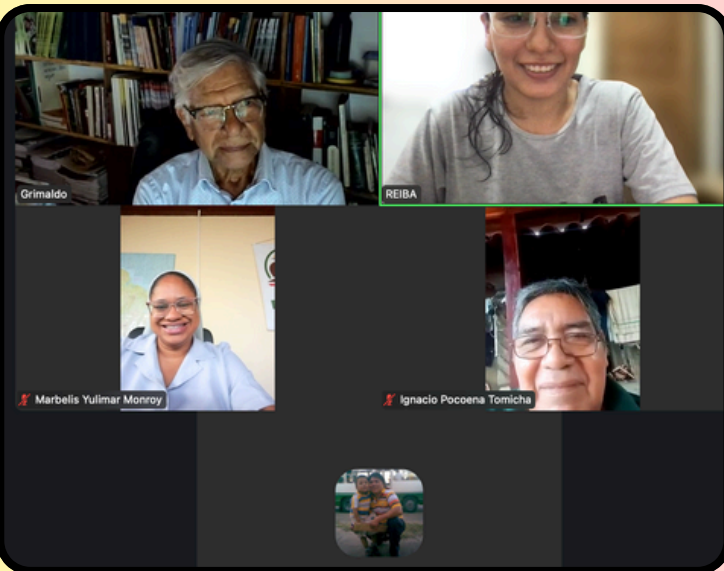
On **March 27**, the volunteer REIBA, Sydney together with Father Joel SJ share their concern regarding strategies to motivate the Wapichanes teachers for the continuity of the project, they indicate that today there is a literacy project provided by the State, which they are giving priority to due to its importance in practice.

Our expert says that it is possible to work in parallel and indicates that the workshop to socialize the calendar presented by Sydney will be a door to project the steps to follow based on this new reality.

EIB COMMISSION



REIBA SAN ANTONIO DE LOMERÍO (BOLIVIA)

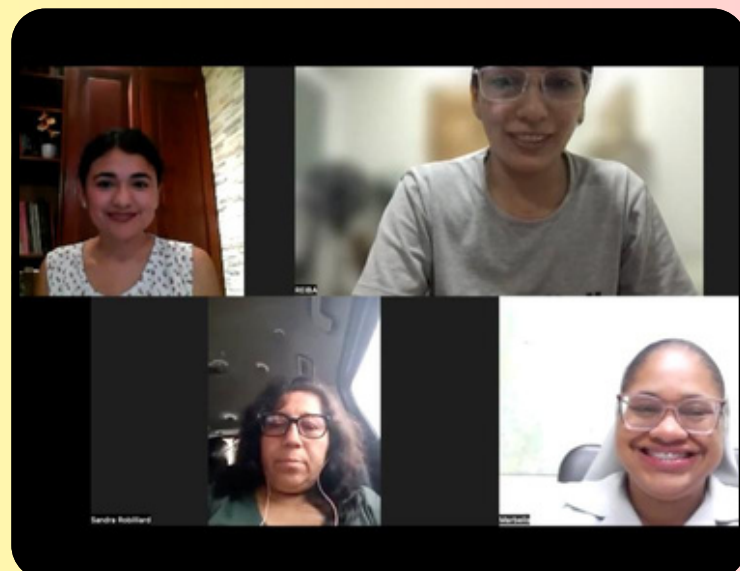


March 27, the Director of the U.E June 13, Prof. Juan Parapaino together with Prof. Ignacio Pocoena Chuvé shared with Prof. Grimaldo the progress they have made since the last management, some news of team restructuring, among others, to continue nurturing the matrix with ancestral information and then to be able to project the next step of articulation of the calendar with the school curriculum.

1ST PERSONALIZED CONSULTATION 2025- LINGUISTIC REVITALIZATION MODULE



REIBA SILVAYACU (ECUADOR)



On **March 28th**, Brother Tiberio along with 7 members of the revitalizing team of Silvayacu, shared with us about the meetings and planning they carried out to implement the revitalizing mothers strategy in the community. Karina gave feedback on the planning by giving guidelines on the profile, requirements and role that revitalizing mothers will have.

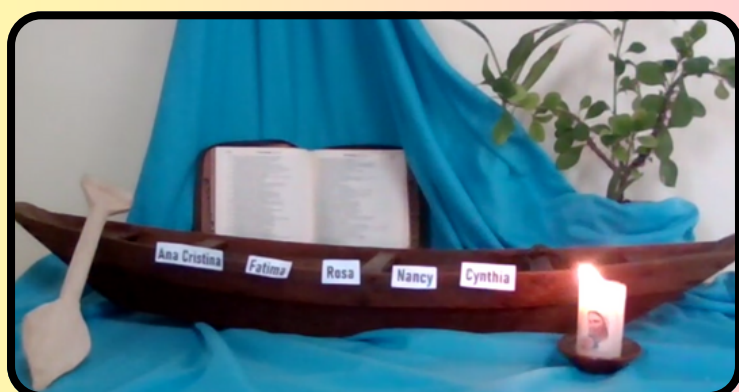
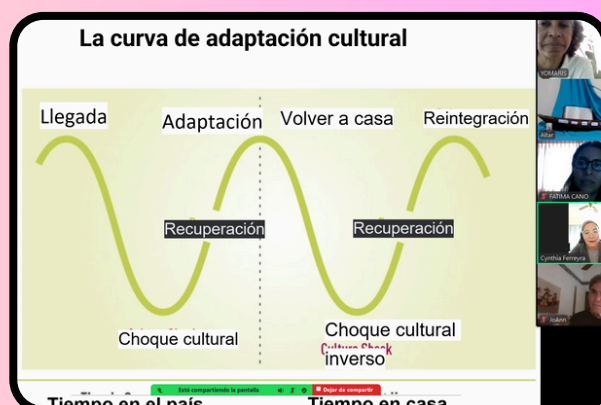
VOLUNTEER COMMISSION

We continue with the **REIBA 2025 Volunteer Campaign**, of which we are all a part.

Let us remember our commitment to outreach, as this allows us to make known the mission we carry out as an ecclesial network. This way, this good news, which is prophetic and hopeful, may reach everywhere.



Thanks to REIBA's official social media channels, many people have reached out to learn more about our mission and even to deepen their discernment about volunteering.



On **March 14th and 15th**, the "Dear Amazon" event was held, providing support for the transition process of the volunteers who finished their volunteering last year. This event was led by **Sisters Yomarys and JoAnn**.



We'd like to share with you that REIBA volunteer **Mariela Gutiérrez Frei**, an art education teacher from **La Plata, Argentina**, is already volunteering remotely while she's on mission. Along with her fifth-grade students at **Crisol School**, she's illustrating some traditional stories.



While the initiative is part of the Art subject she teaches, it will be an interdisciplinary project addressed by the other disciplines (Geography, History, Citizenship, Environment, etc.) using the PAS (Service-Learning Project) modality, in which students apply skills, competencies, and knowledge to respond to specific needs.



Thus, the **Crisol School** educational community has made a commitment to support the cultures of the Amazon in strengthening their traditions through the illustration of the stories unique to each community. We thank the principal, **Ms. Silvana Pavone**, her teachers, and her students for taking the time to share their stories with us.

They, in turn, are grateful for the willingness of the teachers and volunteers from the Territory who have guided these projects so that they can faithfully reflect the meaning of each story. In our next editions of NotiREIBA, we will share the progress of this project, which fills us with enthusiasm and joy.





From **March 7 to 9**, the **REPAM Women's Meeting** was held in the **Diocese of Abaetetuba** in **Belém de Pará**, where Sister **Lisette Escárate**, HDM, represented REIBA.

In the context of this meeting, the **"5th Seminar for Women and Girls"** organized by **Caritas Brazil** was held on March 8th. More than 200 women gathered to reflect on the theme: "Rights, Equality, Empowerment for All Women and Girls."



On **Wednesday, March 12**, we received a warm visit from **María Eugenia Carrizo**, an Argentine missionary present in **the Vicariate of Beni (Bolivia)**. She is one of the active **"Collaborators of the Society of Jesus,"** part of the Pan-Amazonian Jesuits' leadership team, and for five years was one of the coordinators of the REPAM Women's Nucleus. On more than one occasion, she has fraternally welcomed REIBA volunteers present in Bolivia. Thank you very much, Mauge! For continuing to weave a network from the Territory.

COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

On **March 17**, the dates for the first personalized consultations in 2025 were confirmed. This will continue the work begun in 2024 with our advisors.

APRIL 2025 SCHEDULE

CRONOGRAMA MES: ABRIL				1A ASESORÍA PERSONALIZADA		
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VOLUNTEER CAMPAIGN 2025



In **March**, posts continued to be posted on REIBA's various official social media platforms to promote the 2025 volunteer program. These posts were written in English, Portuguese, and Spanish to recruit future volunteers for the various REIBAs, especially for REIBA lauretê (Brazil) and Alshalton (Guyana).

Images and videos were also shared with the Conference of Religious Men and Women of Argentina, CLAR, and MAGIS of Manaus.

COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

On **March 20**, Vatican News promoted REIBA volunteering through its official website www.vaticannews.va, publishing an informative post accompanied by a promotional video.

We invite you to read the article by clicking on the following link:
<https://www.vaticannews.va/es/iglesia/news/2025-03/reiba-anuncia-el-inicio-de-campana-de-voluntariado-2025.html>

On **March 21**, the Communications Commission held a meeting with Father Pablo Mora, Sister Lisette Escárte, JoAnn, and Ana Gabriela. The meeting discussed the impact of the publication of the volunteer promotion in VaticanNews (Spanish). Thanks to this support, six potential candidates contacted the Volunteer Commission during the day.

At the same time, some suggestions were shared to help the network reach out more broadly to other networks and potential donors who identify with the mission.





*Fr. Pablo Mora, SJ
General Coordinator
REIBA
2019 - 2025*



Pope Francis invited us to dream with him, telling us:

"I dream of an Amazon that fights for the rights of the poorest, of the indigenous peoples, of the least, where their voices are heard and their dignity is promoted.

I dream of an Amazon that preserves the cultural richness that distinguishes it, where human beauty shines in so many different ways.

I dream of an Amazon that jealously guards the overwhelming natural beauty that adorns it, the overflowing life that fills its rivers and forests.

I dream of Christian communities capable of giving themselves and becoming incarnate in the Amazon, to the point of giving the Church new faces with Amazonian features." - Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation "Dear Amazon," point 7.

Our REIBA General Coordinator 2019-2025, Father Pablo Mora, SJ, has been living proof of how this great dream is gradually becoming a reality. Therefore, the REIBA family is grateful for the service, support, guidance, and friendship he has provided over these six years to support REIBA's growth.

We ask our Lord to continue guiding and illuminating his path and decisions.



JUNTOS TEJEMOS LA RED 🙏



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Después de 4 años, REIBA está listo para continuar tejiendo nuestra red y expandiendo nuestro impacto en la educación indígena amazónica.

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