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REIBA FATIMA MISSION – BOLIVIA



NARRATIVE BY: NERY CHAMORRO (REIBA VOLUNTEER)

We kick off this month's NotiREIBA by sharing that, as part of Mission Fátima, we held a visual arts workshop on **Saturday, July 12th**. Artist Berna Rivera, daughter of Tsimane leader Justina Canchi, spent a few days meeting with the community's children, helping them develop their hands and imagination.



Berna has lived in Spain since she was a child, and during these months in her hometown, she and her mother are helping us design the knowledge booklets. She has also helped the sisters with the children's catechism classes on Sundays. We thank Berna for her dedication.



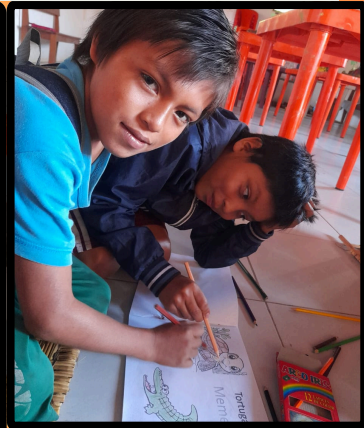


On **July 19**, a drawing and poetry workshop was held using booklets containing drawings of animals native to the Tsimane world. The children practiced fine motor skills by coloring. A special moment was also shared through poetry.



This activity was carried out with volunteer Nery and Ms. Berna Rivera in the meeting room of the NGO Bolivian Medical Solidarity.

From **July 13 to 18**, we carried out activities that will help us recover Tsimane songs, all within the framework of the ecological calendar project.





This is how we visited the community's wise men and women, who shared songs for different environments of daily life, such as water, the home, the farm, and the forest.



These collected songs will be shared in scheduled school sessions. This is intended to prevent the total loss of this cultural treasure that characterizes the Tsimane people.

REIBA KIRIGUETI – PERU

NARRATIVE BY: MARIA HILDA OLIVA (REIBA VOLUNTEER)



On **July 24th**, the Peruvian national holiday and independence parade took place in the native community of Kirigueti. Students from preschool, elementary, and secondary schools participated, as well as members of the community, health center staff, and various community support projects. Young people from the "La Inmaculada" mission also marched.



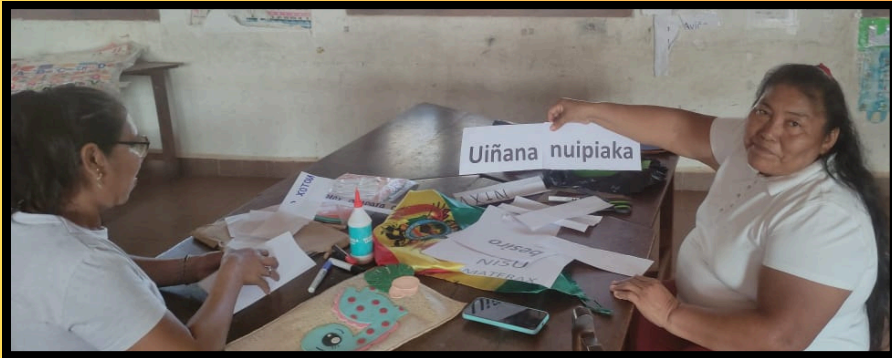


REIBA SAN ANTONIO DE LOMERIO – BOLIVIA



NARRATIVE BY: TEACHERS OF THE JUNE 13 E.U.

Elementary school teacher Juana Pocoena and preschool teacher Luisa developed fun materials for teaching colors in the native language of Bésiro, taking advantage of the upcoming Bolivian national holiday.



REIBA DICARO – ECUADOR



NARRATIVE BY: MARTHA CHÁVEZ (REIBA VOLUNTEER)



As REIBA Dicaro, we are pleased to share with you that on Tuesday, **July 1st**, we welcomed volunteer Sofía from Guayaquil to continue supporting the eight Salesiana students this month. These students are in their final month before the end of their semester. Although time is short, we know her help and contribution will be invaluable to the young people.

On **July 11**, we were delighted to receive a visit from **Sister Alba Teresa**, Superior General of the Lauritas Sisters, and **Sister Consuelo**, who is a member of the Ecuador Province Board of Directors. The entire group of young students sang a welcome song in Waotededo, introduced themselves, and told them about their studies and the great work the Lauritas Sisters are doing in Dicaro.



On the morning of **July 12th**, we met at the women's cultural center to introduce the sisters to the Waorani culture. The ecotourism students presented the Chambira craft project, and finally, we concluded the meeting with a traditional food tasting: wonton stew.

In the afternoon, Sister Marlene and the volunteers met with the sisters, sharing our experiences on the mission.



On **Sunday** morning, **July 13th**, we met as we do every Sunday to share the Word of God. The sisters were present and shared a brief reflection on the day's Gospel. After the celebration, they left for Pompeii to begin their return journey.



On **July 15th**, we received a visit from **Father Peter, Armando, and María Dolores** from **Jesuit Worldwide Learning**. They came to see the students' progress regarding the English scholarship and the ecotourism studies the four students are completing. They also visited the project to see the construction of the women's house and the university center.

On **July 16**, the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, we began with the Eucharist, then descended upon the land where we dream of the university center being. Our visitors were filled with hope by our commitment to the education of young people in the Amazon and the promotion of a future that respects, values, and preserves the traditions, culture, and language of the Waorani people.



Finally, we went down to the women's house for the presentation of the young women's ecotourism projects. Student Sandra Tocari presented her crafts project, Laura Bahigua presented the tourism project of the Ayebe association, Magaly Tega presented ancestral medicine, and Targelia Enatague presented ancestral beauty products. These projects have been developed, structured, and implemented throughout the three modules of the course.

We thank God for the presence of Father Peter, Armando, and María Dolores, who are signs of hope for our community and whose quiet and discreet support is helping to build a future woven with the dreams and hopes of young Waorani people.



DREAMING OF A CHURCH WITH AN AMAZONIAN FACE

On Sunday, **July 20th**, in **Mission Fátima (Bolivia)**, following the celebration of the Word, we began a series of talks under the theme "Let's take care of our common home and our health." These meetings will be informative for the community, focusing current and regional issues such as environmental care, public health, and other topics like the use of mercury in water resources and emerging diseases. This will be done through the screening of documentaries and presentations. The first meeting, led by Dr. Javier Flores, director of the community health center, focused on measles as an emerging disease.



On Monday, **July 21**, in **el Coca (Ecuador)**, we participated in the Eucharist commemorating the 38th anniversary of the martyrdom of **Monsignor Alejandro Labaka** and **Sister Inés Arango**. It was a moment of renewed faith and the missionary spirit that drove them to give everything, even their lives.

It was concelebrated by **Cardinal Luis Gerardo Cabrera Herrera, OFM**, of Guayaquil, along with other bishops and priests who came to join in the celebration. During the homily, we were strongly encouraged to turn our gaze to Jesus to find the meaning of our lives, just as Alejandro and Inés did.



After Thanksgiving Mass, we went to share lunch and witness a cultural event, which featured student **Maicol Coba**, who began the celebration with a song.

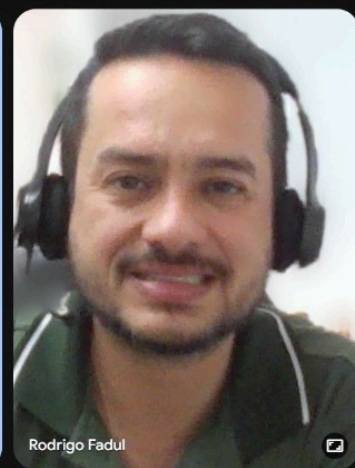
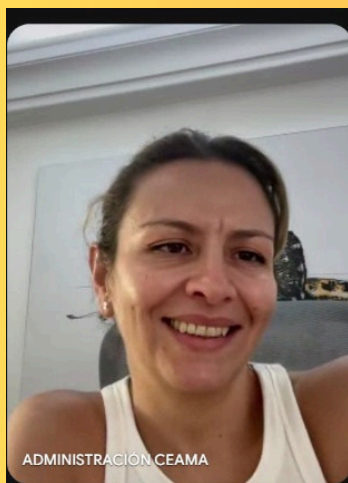


Also present were artists Roxana Tanguila and Juan Morales, and of course, dances from the Kiwchua, Shuar, and Afro-Ecuadorian nationalities.



CENTRAL COORDINATION

On **July 1**, REPAM, CEAMA, and REIBA discussed the future location of REIBA's office in Manaus, with the possibility of inheriting materials from the REPAM office.



On **July 6**, we participated in the inauguration of **the Tukano Language Cultural Center in the Branquinho Indigenous Village, Manaus**. This will be a key space for the community to preserve the cultural richness and traditions of the Tukano people.



During the event, cultural dances were performed, traditional foods were shared, handicrafts were sold, and the Word was celebrated.



CENTRAL COORDINATION

On **July 10**, the “**Lua Verde Cultural Center**” of the **Kokama** people in Manaus was visited.

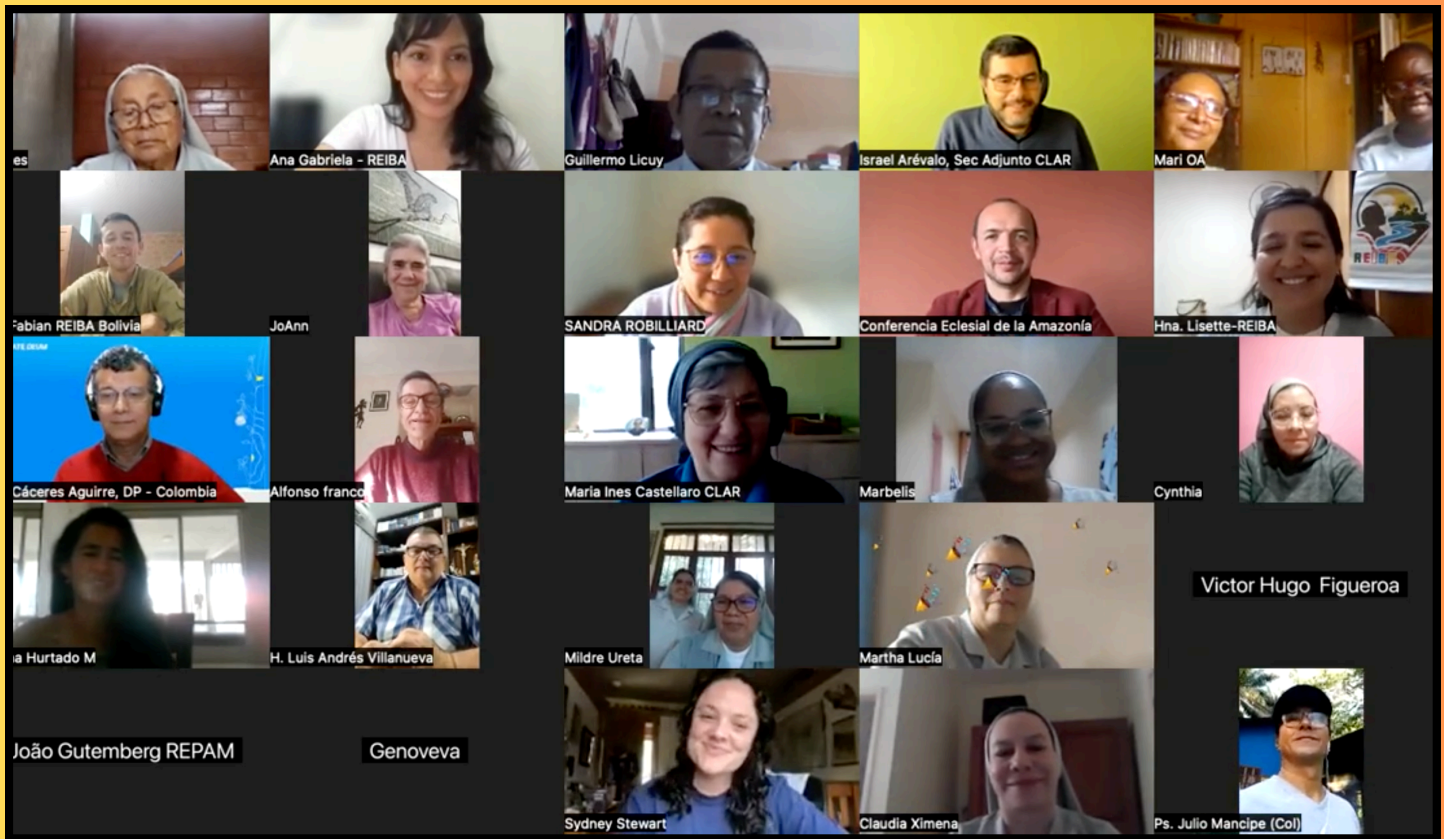


This is a space offered to Indigenous families living in the urban area of Manaus for the recovery and revitalization of the **Kokama** language. It will also serve as a place for the preservation and revitalization of their culture.



CENTRAL COORDINATION

5TH ANNIVERSARY REIBA



On **July 9, at REIBA** we celebrated 5 years of existence, and to commemorate such a significant date, a brief but emotional virtual meeting was held where we were accompanied by **Marcelo Lemos**, executive secretary of CEAMA, **Sister María Inés Castellaro**, general secretary of CLAR and **Brother Joao Gutemberg**, executive secretary of REPAM, **Mrs. Cecilia Barja** from the Dicastery for Human Development also joined the celebration, in turn, our local coordinators, EFT advisors, REIBA volunteers on mission, outgoing REIBA volunteers and applicants for the REIBA Volunteer 2026 with whom it is possible to carry out our mission in the territory.

We thank each of them for continuing to weave the web together with joyful hearts and a willingness to share the gifts freely received.

May God bless them and continue to guide every step of this journey in synodality!

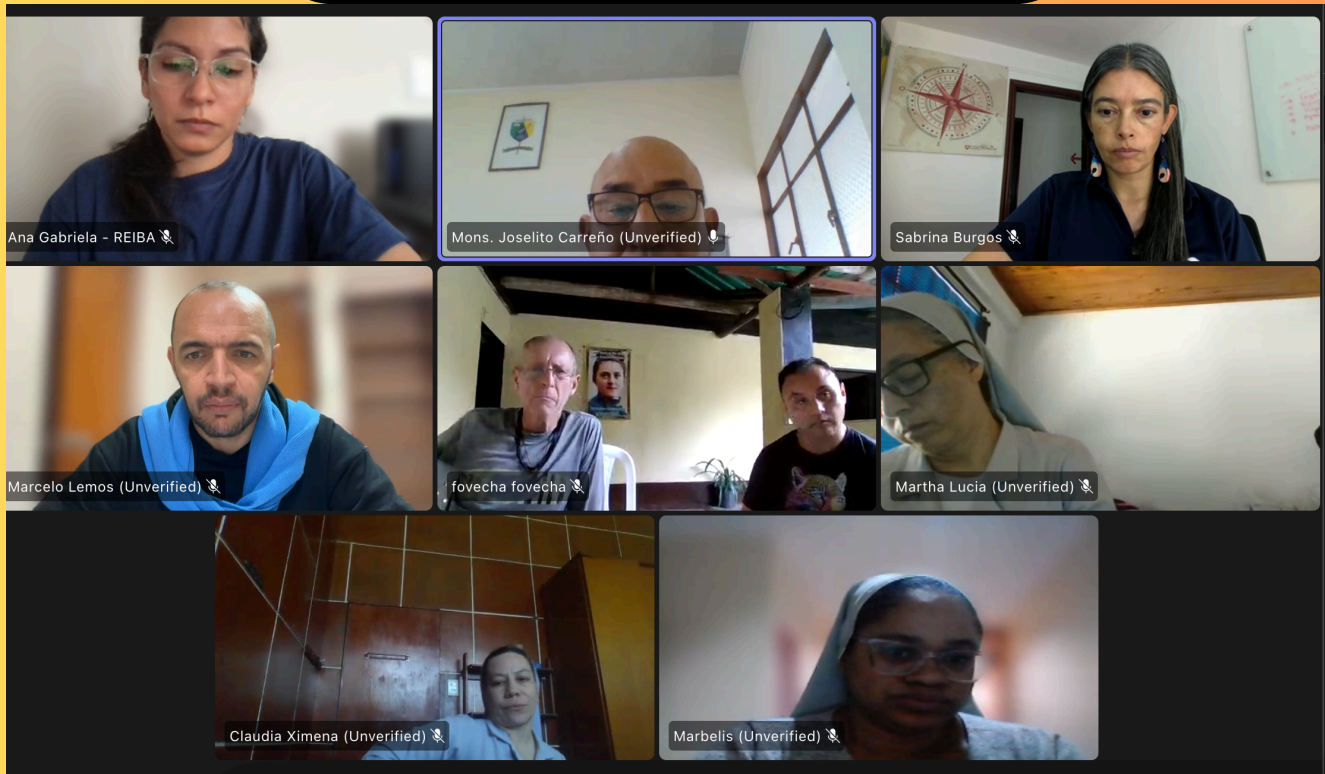
CENTRAL COORDINATION**5TH ANNIVERSARY REIBA***Mons. David Martinez*

Presidente de REIBA

Our president, **Monsignor David Martinez**, through his greeting for the 5 years of life of REIBA, thanked all the religious congregations that are part of this great Amazonian mission, Fr. Pablo Mora, general coordinator for the 2021-March 2025 period, the local teams, volunteers and all the people who in one way or another are part of this church that walks alongside our brothers and sisters in the Amazon region.

To listen to the full greeting, visit our official YouTube page:
<https://www.youtube.com/@REIBAOicial>

CENTRAL COORDINATION



On **July 18**, the traveling team, Fe y Alegría-Colombia represented by Sabrina Burgos, REIBA, represented by Sister Marbelis Monroy and Sister Claudia Ximena, who carried out the mission last month, were in charge of traveling the triple border of Brazil-Venezuela-Colombia with a view to providing closer accompaniment to the brothers and sisters living in that region, both in pastoral and educational aspects. The report of this mission was presented to Bishop Joselito Carreño of the Apostolic Vicariate of Inírida, Marcelo Lemos, executive secretary of CEAMA, Sister Martha Ardila, general coordinator of REIBA Colombia, and Ana Gabriela Jiménez of the EIB/Communication Commission of REIBA.

In this report, Father Fernando Sj. and Sabrina Burgos discussed how this team was formed, its objective, the information they gathered from all the communities they visited last month, and the needs of each one.

After the report presentation, there was a space for discussion, sharing concerns, and planning the next steps together (REIBA-CEAMA, FÉ Y ALEGRÍA, and the bishops of the BR-CO-VZ tri-border area) to gradually achieve the stated goal.

REIBA plans to provide training to indigenous teachers through advisors to help them recover their knowledge.

CENTRAL COORDINATION



On **Thursday, July 31**, we met as committees to discuss the progress and challenges we are facing as committees.

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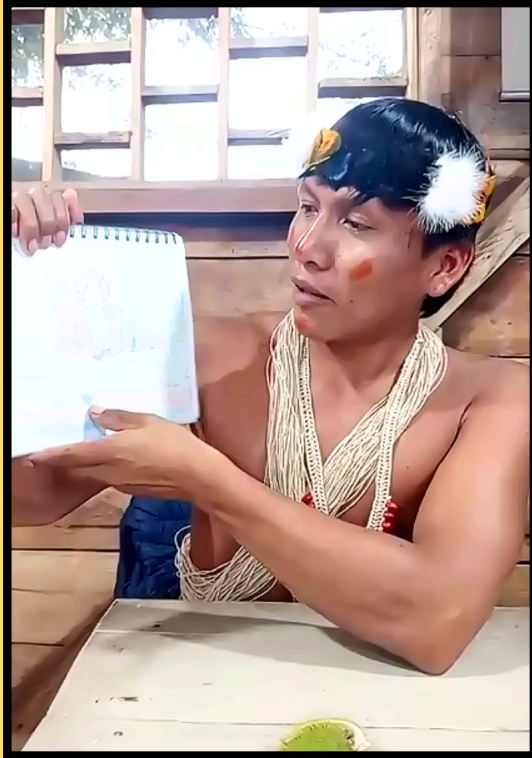
SPANISH CLASSES – JULY 2025



REIBA DICARO (ECUADOR)



On **July 4, 11, and 18**, Waorani and Kiwcha students from REIBA Dicaro attended virtual Spanish classes, ahead of some of their upcoming vacation period.

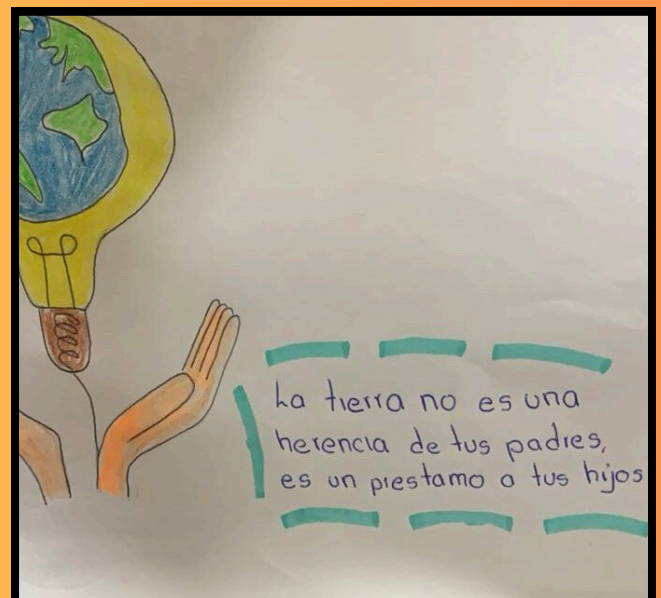
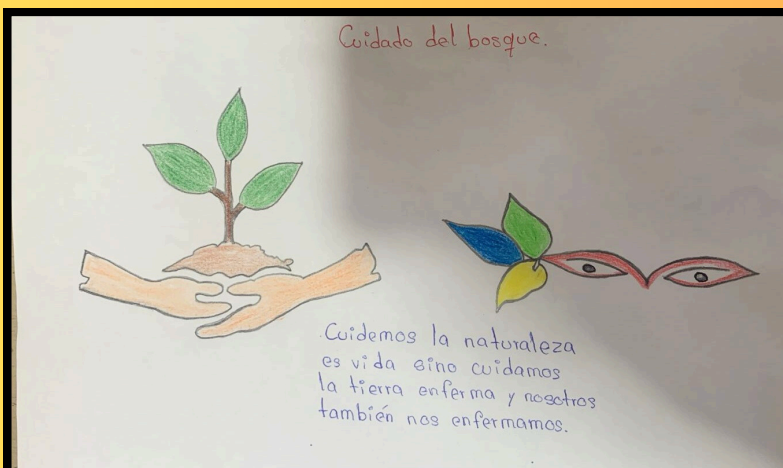


During this month, students were able to complete presentations that allowed them to express themselves to the public, following some guidelines given by the advisor, such as: the initial greeting, the presentation and explanation of what was being exhibited, as well as questions and thanks.

Lic. Sandra recommended that the initial presentation of any presentation they must give, not only at the university but also in other venues, be done in both Spanish and their native language to make the audience understand the speaker's background.



During the presentations, the students elegantly displayed their traditional costumes and their love for environmental care through drawings and allusive phrases.



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44TH AICLE METHODOLOGY CONSULTANCY



REIBA KIRIGUETI (PERU)



On **July 18th**, secondary school teachers Thalía and Johel, and primary school teacher Carlos, participated in a CLIL methodology assessment session. The results of diagnostic assessments to identify the Spanish proficiency levels of students at the primary school were analyzed. Lic. Sandra provided and explained how to use two tools for introducing CLIL in the classroom, while also addressing curriculum topics.

RESOLVING DOUBTS: ECOLOGICAL CALENDAR



REIBA SARRAPIA (COLOMBIA)



On **July 22nd**, the teaching staff of the Kuāwai University, together with Sr. Carmenza, the local REIBA volunteer, Prof. Ruddy, our EIB advisor, Lic. Sandra Robilliard, Sr. Marbelis and Ana Gabriela, met to give a brief introduction and the current status of the work developed on the ecological calendar by Prof. Samuel, Prof. Ruddy and Sr. Carmenza so that other teachers can join in the work and achieve a better implementation at the University.



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4TH LINGUISTIC REVITALIZATION CONSULTATION



REIBA SAN ANTONIO DE LOMERÍO (BOLIVIA)



On **July 25**, teachers Carmen, Juana, and Luisa, along with local coordinator Victor Hugo Figueroa, received feedback on games designed to teach colors in the Bésiro language from Lic. Karina Sullón.

Both teachers and the advisor expressed satisfaction with the progress and results of the personalized counseling for revitalizing the native language.

NEWS – THEMATIC TRAINING MEETINGS

We're sharing that the training start dates have been set for **REIBA Wijint**, who have completed personalized counseling on the Ecological Calendar and will further strengthen their own education with the **CLIL module** taught by our advisor, Lic. Sandra Robilliard.

A group of **teachers** from **REIBA Silvayacu** were also able to be mentored by Lic. Karina Sullón on **language revitalization** strategies to be implemented in the classroom. This is very good news for the revitalization of **Kiwcha** in Aguarico, as currently, work was being done only with the revitalization mothers, and thanks to this decision, better results are expected.

VOLUNTEER COMMISSION

The REIBA 2025 Volunteer training program began on Tuesday, **July 29**.



Programa de
Formación

TODOS LOS
MARTES

INICIAMOS EL DÍA
MARTES 29 DE JULIO

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, PERÚ);
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (MANAOS, BOLIVIA, GUYANA, VENEZUELA, CHILE)
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM (ARGENTINA, RECIFE, RIO GRANDE DO SUL)

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We appreciate the participation of our new volunteers. Let us pray that God will encourage them to persevere throughout the entire process.



COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

In preparation for the Meeting of the Bishops of the Amazon, which will take place from August 17 to 20 in Bogotá, Colombia, responsibilities were coordinated among the communications staff of CEAMA, REPAM, and REIBA. This coordination is being carried out to provide organized support for the meeting and keep our followers on various social media platforms informed about the events taking place during those days.



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On **July 9th**, as we joined together to celebrate REIBA's 5th anniversary, our former REIBA volunteers Sydney Stewart, Sr. Cynthia Ferreyra, and Sr. Ana Cristina, our current REIBA volunteer on mission Kirigueti, María Oliva, the local REIBA coordinator Aishalton, Fr. Joel Thompson, and the local REIBA coordinator San Antonio de Lomerío, Prof. Ignacio Pocoena, sent heartfelt congratulatory videos to be shared with the wider REIBA family at the virtual meeting held on Tuesday, **July 9th via Zoom**.

Thank you to each and every one of you for supporting the network since its beginnings. May God bless you!

To listen to these greetings, visit our official YouTube page:
<https://www.youtube.com/@REIBAOficial>



Fr. Joel Thompson

Sacerdote Jesuita que hace misión
con la comunidad originaria
Wapichan en Aishalton - Guyana.
Coordinador local REIBA Aishalton.



Lic. Ignacio Pocoena

Coordinador local REIBA San
Antonio de Lomerío - Bolivia



COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

On **July 14th**, the **application period for the REIBA 2026 Volunteer Program closed**. We thank everyone who helped us spread the word about the 2026 volunteer campaign. We have more than 15 applicants of different nationalities eager to serve our brothers and sisters in the Amazon region!

May God keep the fire of service burning in all those applicants who will begin their training next August!



During the month of July, REIBA posts were published under the phrase **"DID YOU KNOW?"**, sharing interesting facts with our followers, such as the number of REIBA volunteers to date, the number of religious volunteers, the number of Indigenous communities we support, and other interesting information. All of this aimed at providing a more dynamic understanding of our work.



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