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On Monday, March 10th, I met **Trevor Gearhart** and **Rand Hummel** and we flew to **Sullana** along with **Segundo Rodriguez** and a young fellow from our church, **Jairo Villegas**. We spent the entire week, preaching, teaching, and counseling. Rand taught through the material that **Camps Abroad** has produced that outlines a clear, Christian camp philosophy. The church leaders are on board with what the camp philosophy teaches. They are looking at doing 5 weeks of camp next summer, and they are planning to host a 2 or 3 day staff training retreat for the purpose of training their entire staff for the summer. I told them I would commit to being involved in their staff training retreat, either alone or in conjunction with Camps Abroad. Rand's and Trevor's preaching and teaching throughout the week was a tremendous blessing to the folks there, and I'm confident it will bear much fruit in their lives. We are very excited about what God has in store for this camp in Northern Peru.



I got home on Monday, March 17th, and on Wednesday, two days later, I met **Mel and Jan Wingrove**, **EMU** representatives, and we flew to **Iquitos**. There is an association of fundamental churches in Iquitos that has five churches in the city and 6 works outside of Iquitos. They hold a special congress each year during Easter week. I preached each night starting Thursday night with the emphasis being evangelistic. There were at least two adults that received Christ during the night services. In the mornings, I preached one of their training sessions to the pastors and delegates gathered from all the churches and works. We sensed a very good spirit among the folks. They received us very well, and in their spirit and from their communication with us I believe they were genuinely responsive to the preaching.



On Tuesday, April 8th, Segundo and I will fly back to Iquitos for a short survey-type trip. We want to visit the city of **Nauta**, a two-hour trip from Iquitos. We are beginning to work on a project together that will make pastoral training available to men in the jungle that have very little training and little possibility of receiving training. I will write more about this after I get back from that trip.

Please take a moment to view our [website](#) when you read this. There are several new upcoming events there including a write-up on this upcoming [trip to Iquitos and Nauta](#). You will find some recent pictures of our [family](#) on the website also.

Tomorrow, I will begin a weekly bible study with **Guillermo**, the engineer who built our apartment building. We have been developing a friendship with him since we moved in last year, and when I approached him about doing a Bible study together he accepted very happily. We are going to study the book, [The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus](#), which examines the whole Bible chronologically. Guillermo prayed a prayer of salvation last year in a conversation we had with our Christian lawyer here in Lima. My prayer is that his understanding of the Bible and the message of the gospel will become very clear to him.