



The Howells Church Planting Missionaries To

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I was sitting under the house that was built on stilts to keep water from flooding in when the Amazon River rises when a young man walked under to get out of the rain. All day long, we had been witnessing and talking to people about Jesus, so I walked over next to him. After we talked about soccer and his family, I asked him if I could share the gospel with him. He said yes, but as soon as I opened the Bible, he started looking everywhere but the Bible and paying attention to everything but the verses I was sharing. After I finished and presented him with the opportunity to accept Christ, he said no and quickly left.

What I didn't notice, though, is that Yessica had been talking to two young girls who were his daughters. One was eleven, and the other was ten. As she was talking to them, they told her they were in a cult that was in this village. They believed that the Holy Spirit lived in a cross that was in front of their church. They told her that every day they had to go and touch the cross to access the Holy Spirit and to go to heaven. If they were sick, they would pour water down the cross and drink it, hoping the Holy Spirit would cure them. If they got in trouble or broke any of the rules of the religion, they would have to kneel in front of the cross for two hours under the scorching sun, baking heat, and humidity of the Amazon.

They had been worried their whole life that if they didn't touch the cross on the day they died, they would spend an eternity in hell. As Yessica finished sharing the Gospel with them and presented them with the option that Jesus gives all of us to be saved, they both accepted Christ as their savior.

Along with these two girls, there were 56 other people who accepted Christ as their savior. We praise and thank the Lord for the souls saved this last month. We thank you all for your prayers and your sacrifice in allowing us to represent you here in Colombia.



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