

Amazon Challenge

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Sweat dripped off my face and was forming a puddle on the ground. We pushed as hard as we could and it only moved a few inches. Grown men cried out, straining from the effort. One guy fell in a hole and almost disappeared! But we didn't let go. We couldn't. It would have crushed us all if we did...

The team from House of Freedom Church in San Antonio, Texas arrived right on time! Fearlessly and smartly led by our **longtime friend** Giana Gonzales and her Pastor Oscar Garcia. They preached Salvation in Jesus Christ on the soccer field; prayed for the sick children at the hospital; taught the Word of God to children at Sunday School through song and games. They were all-in during the one-day Leadership Camp that we use to recruit students for our Bible School, NISI. It was the most successful event of this kind we have ever had!!

They even tried to **pet a Jaguar** (I told them not to!)

...back to the story above: Finally we lifted the twenty foot long, 12 inch by 12 inch beam into place, and made it stand up in the hole. No cranes, no winches, just a little **jungle technique** and a whole lot of man-power! I looked around and saw that there were three more lying on the ground, and some holes to put them in, and said "Let's do it guys. We still have twenty minutes before lunch!" Five years from now their help will still be standing because of their **investment** in building a house for Daniel and Danisa, the faithful leaders of a NISI annex on the jungle highway. Thank you *House of Freedom* for really leaning in!



Serabelle was so excited to help lead worship for children's ministry!



*Thank you to everyone who has given **special donations** to help us get back into our home here in the Amazon. Words can't describe how unsettling it is to be in transition for so many months. In a few days we will move back into **our family home**, and live in the midst of construction. Bible School classes start Friday night, and we are determined to not let present circumstances distract us from our mission! As you pray for us this month, pray for a few more donations to complete the construction, pray **against setbacks**, and for more grace. But, thanks to you, we can see the end!*

Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible. Faith begins where man's power ends."
-George Muller

