

Local Church



RISKING WITH GOD

More than one hundred years ago a group of German immigrants settled in Pozuzo, an isolated place in the Peruvian jungle. As there was no longer land available in Pozuzo, Juan and Teresa Heidinger decided to relocate after their marriage to the region of Puerto Inca, close to the Pachitea river. It was also a remote place, accessible only by the river, but with extensive land available. Far from civilisation, they would need to be self-sufficient and provide for almost all their own needs.

After Teresa developed serious kidney problems, the only available medical facility was the Maranatha Clinic, accessible only by boat from their farm. The American owners, Monroe and Patricia Duerksen, after working for a while in Bolivia as regular Adventist missionaries, decided to leave the USA again, as self-supported missionaries, opening a clinic in a place without any Adventist presence. In faith, they volunteered to sacrifice and to risk all with God, believing that He would provide for all their needs.

In addition to the treatment in the clinic, Teresa also received the book “The Great Controversy”, followed by a warm invitation to join the Duerksens for Sabbath services. Impacted by the book and the kindness of the missionaries, Tereza was baptised, followed by Juan, his mother, and finally the four children, thanks to the missionaries’ self-denying initiative.

Appeal

Self-denial and sacrifice, are ever the fuel that ignites precious fruits for God! In what other way is God calling you to risk something for Him today? Do you believe that if you risk with Him, He will also provide for all your needs? Tithes and offerings are a practical witness of that belief, strengthening our trust in our Divine Provider!

Prayer

Dear Lord! As we worship you, help us to trust in you more and more!

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