

Indian work in Puente Blanco

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Dear Brethren,

The attached is a special letter concerning a pressing need for Bro. Alex Melendez's mission church in Puente Blanco, Panama.

Bro. Carl, GPA
Luke 19:10

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Dear Brethren,

The photo below is of the completed building frame of the church in Puente Blanco where Missionary Alex Melendez is working among the Guaymi Indians in Panama. Bro. Alex has been laboring in this new area for quite some time and finally has gotten to this point of having their own permanent meeting place. With very limited funds to work with as a national missionary, this is a great achievement. This work is the most recent among the three works Bro. Alex has in the general area of Changuinola, Bocas del Toro, Panama, which lies just across the border with Costa Rica. The more well-established work among the Guaymies is in Barranco Adentro, which is situated some thirty minutes from the city of Changuinola.

The GPA medical clinics held in the Barranco Adentro Indian village in recent years has used Changuinola as their place of lodging, meals, shopping, etc. The other work which is prosperous and growing is located in the area of Finca 51, which is made up of a mixture of Guaymies and Panamanian nationals. The mother church of these three works is located in San Rafael Abajo, Costa Rica. Bro. Alex also has a growing mission church in Nandayure,

located in the province of Guanacaste, Costa Rica close to the Nicaraguan border.



The long-awaited church structure for the people of Puente Blanco

THE NEED FOR PEWS. I asked Bro. Alex to work up an estimate for the cost of church pews. They look forward to having an inauguration service, but they need pews. After checking into the labor and material costs, 20 pews will cost \$1700. Materials include the wood, metal frames, bolts, screws, and legs, stain, varnish, etc.

If you are acquainted with Bro. Alex Melendez and his wife Mariela, you know that these are veteran missionaries who are at constant work in the furtherance of the gospel. Their hearts are totally dedicated to winning souls and starting churches. **THESE PEOPLE DON'T STOP.** As a supporting church or maybe just a good friend with a giving heart, you may want to consider giving toward this urgent need for the church in Puente Blanco. I believe these poor Guaymi folks are worthy of a pew to sit on while they are being taught the word of God. **GOD IS GOOD.**

If you can help, please let me know, so we can keep records and pass along the news to Bro. Alex. If you need instructions on how to send your gift, contact me.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness. Psalm 41:1-3

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