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village by village in the **JUNGLES** of Ecuador

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Happy New Year

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS AN AGASAJO !?!

Agasajo: the definition varies from 'warm welcome' to 'lavish gift'. For us down here in Sucua, it looks like a simple bag of animal crackers and candy. It hardly seems like something to get very excited about, but the joy they bring is unmeasurable. Every December, our team of Missionaries and leaders prepare over 3,500 of them, each one costing about 50 cents to make. The Shuar children receive them ecstatically. Gift exchanging for Christmas in the jungle is nonexistent, so these little bags carry a lot of 'punch'! What they really accomplish is a perfect example of explaining Gods gift to us, His Son, our Savior, and hope for eternal life!

Our family had the added joy of delivering sacks of agasajos to some remote villages about a days journey into the jungle by 4x4 and foot. We also gifted several Proclaimers, the audio New Testaments in the Shuar language, to families who will now get to listen to the Christmas story for the first time!

We are grateful to each of you who help make this all possible. The Christmas miracle is alive and well in Ecuador and you are a HUGE part of it!



Karley was able to come down for a week during her Christmas break from teaching in Nashville. Here she is trudging thru the jungle with Zak and a sack full of agasajos for the village of Chamik.



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