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Praise God for:

The successful
programs of
FENAKIN!

Please pray for:

-The president who
was re-elected on
April 26 along with a
new National Assem-
bly, provincial gover-
nors and city mayors.

-The rural indigenous
communities who are
generally the hardest
hit in times of eco-
nomic difficulties.

-CRWRC partners
who are working to
transform these com-
munities.

News from Ecuador

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A Community Transformed: Campana Cocha



CRWRC's goal in every community is that they would take ownership in their own development and be ready to share their experience with the communities around them as well. When this happens, CRWRC recommends that it is time for the community to "graduate." CRWRC's partner, the Evangelical Federation of the Kichwa [Quichua] People of Napo (FENAKIN), has been working in the community of Campana Cocha, in the tropical rainforest, for several years. This is one of the few communities in Ecuador where most of the people are evangelical Christians, and from the beginning, the local church has been a prime mover in this process. Below are just a few of the changes that make us confident that Campana Cocha is truly a community transformed.

Economy

CRWRC and FENAKIN are teaching improved growing

techniques and marketing, which has resulted in higher yields in their cacao production and therefore in family income. This increase is evidenced by improved housing and a healthy population growth in the community.

Health

Campana Cocha has a high-functioning health committee, with two trained health promoters (one of whom is also a midwife) and two more in training. They maintain a map of their community that identifies the progress and continuing needs for clean water, sanitation, and maternal and child health. The committee has a clinic, a small pharmacy, and clear plans for continued progress.

Education

The community recognizes the importance of children's education. A primary school was established and there is now also a flourishing secondary school

serving communities in the area.

Water and Sanitation

More and more homes are constructing ventilated pit latrines, and everyone currently has access to clean potable water. As the community grows, they have plans in place for an additional clean water source.

Advocacy

Training in community organizing has fostered advocacy for a road with the government and an oil company. Where before they needed to travel by foot through dense rain forests or by canoe, they now have a road that connects them with markets for their cacao and bananas.

Holistic Planning

The community is developing a botanical garden that includes trees for medicine, fruit, beads (for making crafts and jewelry), and ornamentation. The garden serves purposes ranging from health needs to income generation, and promotes a sense of community pride.

Ownership

Many community members put in long hours on community projects. Driven by their desire to see the betterment of their communities, they volunteer their time.

Cecilia Momayanza, Health Promoter

A year ago, Cecilia was trained as a health promoter. Now she takes care of the community medicine chest and is an important part of the first aids team. She also volunteers as a literacy trainer. Cecilia, 33, and her husband Luis (who is a senior health promoter) are

expecting their seventh child in September, and are hoping for a girl after six boys! They have their chicken, payment for the midwife services, ready and waiting for their child to join a family working for development in their own community.



Cecilia with son Shuber, age four.