



# Just Grow Up!

James - A Manual for Maturity

## Going Global

August 26 & 27, 2023

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## Our Global Mission Journey

**1**

A glimpse at what God has done.

- We reached over 12,000 Shawi with the gospel.
- We baptized over 8,000 Shawi believers.
- We trained over 50 Shawi pastors.
- We built multiple churches, facilities, and businesses.
- We built our multi-use hostel, Bible Institute, and Grace Church Yurimaguas.
- We have invested over \$5 million into our Peru mission.
- We sent over 650 short-term missionaries to Peru.
- We fully funded 3 full-time missionary couples for 26 years.

## 2

### A view of where we are now.

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- **Iglesia Gracia (*Grace Church Yurimaguas*) has grown to 60 regular members.**
- **We have planted 57 new churches in the jungle villages.**
- **We have 9 native Shawi missionaries.**
- **We regularly care for the medical needs of the Shawi in Yurimaguas.**
- **We participate in the annual Grace-Shawi Conference and the annual Shawi Conference.**

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### A plan for where we are going.

#### **Acts 8:25-30** (TPT)

After Peter and John had testified and taught the word of God in that city, they returned to Jerusalem, stopping at many Samaritan villages along the way to preach the hope of the gospel. Then the Lord's angel said to Philip, "Now go south from Jerusalem on the desert road to Gaza." He left immediately on his assignment. Along the way he encountered an Ethiopian who believed in the God of the Jews, who was the minister of finance for Candace, queen of Ethiopia. He was on his way home from worshiping God in Jerusalem. As he rode along in his chariot, he was reading from the scroll of Isaiah. The Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Go and walk alongside the chariot." So Philip ran to catch up. As he drew closer he overheard the man reading from the scroll of Isaiah the prophet. Philip asked him, "Sir, do you understand what you're reading?"

- We will raise up at least one couple to go to Peru.
- We will reach 10-20 more villages in the next 5 years.
- We will have a sustainable plan for financial support by 2025.
- We will send 5 more short-term teams by 2027 to teach, build properties, and love the Shawi.
- We will reach the remaining 25,000 Shawi with the good news of the gospel.
- We will build a staff over the next two years for the launch of our Spanish-speaking church.
  - Music Team
  - First Impressions
  - Kids Ministry
  - Security
- We will launch our Spanish-speaking church in the fall of 2026.

**Acts 8:34-40 (TPT)**

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