AKAWA* IN PERU

The small group of men boards a single-engine Cessna. After a two-hour flight, the men land on a small airstrip deep in the Amazon rainforest. From there, they board a boat and settle in for the ride. Their destination, an isolated village of the Akawa tribe, is still more than seven hours away.

Like many tribal people groups, the Akawa are animists who live in fear of the spirits that inhabit the world around them, said Joe Brewster, an International Mission Board (IMB) missionary. He and his team of IMB missionaries and local church planters began working with the small, unreached tribe in 2018.

**As animists, they tend to be pragmatic and go with what works as opposed to what may be right or wrong. They live far up an Amazonian tributary, just a step removed from the Stone Age.**

-- Joe Brewster, Missionary

Joe’s team has a heart to reach them — and partners who share that passion. Edwin Blanco*, a church planter who lives in the Amazon basin, is an integral part of that effort. As the administrator of an indigenous missions organization, he has a burden to reach the Akawa and other isolated tribes with the good news of Jesus. He and Joe are partnering for that purpose.

**Fulfilling the Great Commission is difficult work, much like carrying a heavy log out of the jungle. One man may be able to do it, but if we work together and help each other, the work is much easier!**

-- Edwin Blanco*, Church Planter

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*Names changed for security.

**PRAY** for Joe, Edwin and their teams as they share the gospel with the Akawa.

**PRAY** that many members of the Akawa will come to faith in Jesus.

**PRAY** that new Akawa believers will gather into groups and start churches.