

# Palmas de Mamré

“It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known...”



## Greetings!

My name is Patience, and I would love to share a little about my time this May with Palmas de Mamré.

I am a missionary with Youth With A Mission (YWAM). I'm part of a team of nine that worked with Palmas de Mamré for a week. Let me introduce the team to you: My co-leaders, Keisha and Daniel, love others well and are very precious to me. We also have Karissa the strong, dependable, and servant-hearted; LoriAnna the community-building and hilarious; Emily the creative; Evelyn the sweet and caring; Esther the enthusiastic, get-it-done German; and Logan the light-hearted and protective. These are some of our stories.

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### LEARN

We learned perseverance & how to reach people in the jungle.

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### PARTNER

We came to support Ana, because of her long-term commitment and impact here.

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### SHARE

We got to share Jesus' love with children and adults on the Nicaraguan border.



**Boca del Toro  
Amarillo**  
Teaching English, songs, crafts, & Bible to kids at a local school.



**Getting it Done**  
Improvement projects included painting, maintenance, & farm work.



**Creating Bible Resources**  
Outlining the Bible and putting together children's lessons.

## We got on a boat with someone we had never met before- someone who

didn't speak English. Downstream we went, deep into the Costa Rican jungle. Houses grew farther apart. We saw animals we had only seen in zoos, like crocodiles and monkeys.

We'd heard stories about the jungle that had made us cautious of our arrival. All we knew for sure was we were going to serve the long-term mission. We just didn't know what to expect.

So what do you do when you have no clue?

I realise this doesn't just happen in missions. No; this is life. We can't always know what will happen. It makes life a little risky and unknown. We had no idea what we were going to do, see, feel, or even where our final destination was. We didn't know what to do.

The good news is that "when you don't know what to do, you always know what to do - pray."

Yes, God is the same no matter where we are or what we feel. So amidst uncertainty, we prayed.

We were going to an unfamiliar location, but with a familiar Friend - Jesus.



**“We have made a lasting impact beyond just one week.”**

In missions you don't always get to see the fruit from the seeds you planted. However, while being here with Ana we have seen much!

We have seen Ana connect with three different schools that greatly enjoyed her and want her to continue the relationship. We got to see little piggies safely born. We got to see how our work encouraged the long-term workers here. We got to invest time and love into Ana and lift her spirits. We got to clear an area for the mission to plant fruit trees that will grow and give to the mission long after we leave. **WE HAVE MADE A LASTING IMPACT BEYOND JUST ONE WEEK.**

### NOTE FROM ANA MOSHENEK

I'm so pleased that this YWAM team from Madison came to be with me. It brought back good memories of when I did my YWAM Discipleship Training School in Virginia. How great this time in my life was that even 27 years later, what I learned in that time still lasts.

The mission has recently had about three months of things breaking down - the boat motor, the cars, the weed eaters, etc. We had gotten behind on the farm, which made me behind on children's ministry and getting to the schools to teach the Bible. I'm thankful for the team coming and helping us to catch up on things we were behind on. We got a shot in the arm to get going again. That's the point of teams coming: they inspire us and help us get back on track. This is an example of acting out your Christianity in servanthood.

