



Dear Friends,

I just took my first trip back to our operational base in Iquitos, Peru. After a long 21 months away, it was a relief to return to my jungle home and re-join our team, which has been working non-stop on behalf of thousands of people affected by Covid-19.

First on my to-do list was to meet with local families in Iquitos. We also travelled into the jungle for five days to visit several of the river villages we work in. And I was finally able to attend overdue meetings with the Ministry of Health to renew our licenses, sign mutual agreements and discuss 2022 planning.

I want to report that Covid-19 cases are at an all-time low in Iquitos and Ministry of Health medical brigades are beginning to reach remote jungle communities to offer Covid-19 vaccines. However, local hospitals have now collapsed due to overwhelming volumes of patients with influenza. Hospital lines are longer than ever and include people needing life-saving surgeries. Many people arrive at 4 a.m. just to secure a future medical appointment. Complicating the dire situation, the pandemic has taken the lives of many physicians and countless other local healthcare workers. Only three surgeons remain at the Iquitos Apoyo Hospital. To save lives, Amazon Promise has had to rent a private surgical clinic and pay surgeons and their staff for their services.

We've had many successful patient outcomes. However, we have not been able to save everyone during this unprecedented time of profound need. There is no way to fully describe the dread and sadness when someone we have been giving aid to and accompanying, whether for months or just days, passes away. Well, we will provide patient stories about these cases, and the successful ones, in early 2022.

We're so deeply thankful to each and every Amazon Promise supporter. You have allowed us to continue reaching those most in need. Please consider making an [end-of-year donation](#), and I wish you all the best in the New Year!

Patty Webster
President



**It's not too late to give a year-end gift
that makes a direct difference to the people
of the Peruvian Amazon!**



Assessing the communities with help from village women (Dec. 2021)



Meeting with a family inside their home (Dec. 2021)



Meeting with families (Dec. 2021)



*Serving women participating in Amazon Promise's Family Planning Program
(Dec. 2021)*



*Family at the potable rainwater system in the community of Castilla
on the Ucayali River (Dec. 2021)*

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The Amazon Promise office in Iquitos, Peru is open year-round to receive patients and provide follow-up and ongoing care to those in need. Malecon Tarapaca 322 - (065) 231683.