



Quina Care presents their plans

Representatives of surrounding villages gather in former boarding school.



In November Jacob and Carolien, specialists in tropical medicine, were invited by the bishop to present their plans about the realization of a hospital to the residents of Putumayo. All representatives of the surrounding villages were gathered in the former boarding school to discuss the daily problems people encounter. A recurrent issue is the lack of good medical health care. Therefore, this was the perfect opportunity to outline Quina Care's plans. To avoid future misunderstandings, it was also explained that the health care offered by Quina Care will not be free of charge, but that a small compensation is expected from patients. As opposed to the health care that is offered for free in government hospitals. Those present responded with great understanding to this information, caused by the fact that government health care lacks in many areas for the residents of Putumayo.

Quina Care U.S.A.

In the meantime, Quina Care is registered as a foundation in the United States. In order for Americans to donate money tax free, we need to obtain a so-called

501(c)(3) certificate. This certificate is comparable to the Dutch ANBI certification. We expect to receive the 501(c)(3) status in March after which we will actively look for sponsorships in the United States.

Secretary visits location

For almost two years I have been involved in Quina Care as its secretary and in November the moment was finally there: visiting Carolien and Jacob in Ecuador! Obviously, a visit to the future hospital was inevitable. The former school building is perfect! It was so good to walk around and imagine where there would be a radiology

room, delivery room or operating room. That day there was a gathering with the bishop and leaders of the surrounding local communities. An excellent time to introduce Quina Care to them. It was nice to see the gratitude, for gaining access to something that we always take for granted: good medical health care in an accessible location. My motivation to contribute to the project is increased even more!

