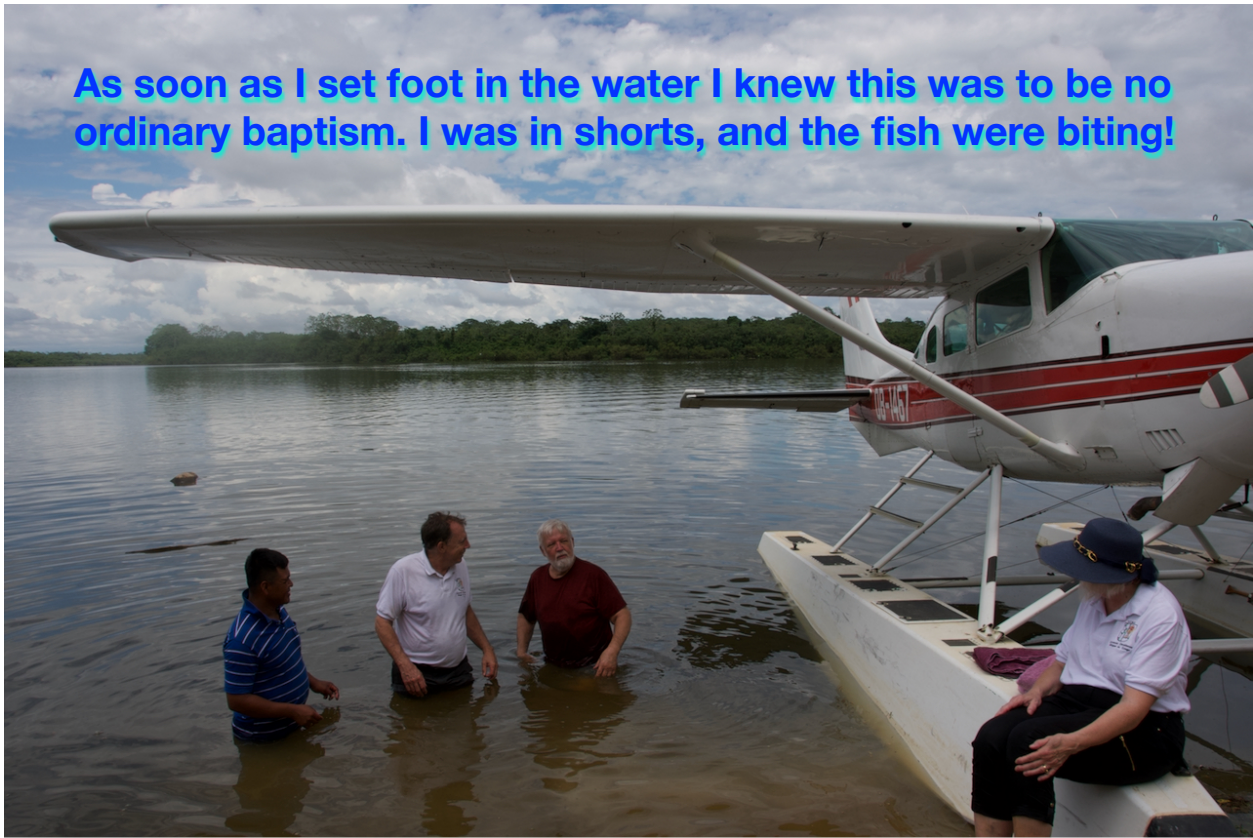


Baptism and Bites

As soon as I set foot in the water I knew this was to be no ordinary baptism. I was in shorts, and the fish were biting!



Long-time friends Dick & Eileen Steldt, from Wisconsin, with an extensive history of serving God's people in places like Congo, Guatemala and Perú, were visiting RiverWind's training center in Nueva Italia. While Christians for years, they had not been baptized and asked if it would be possible in the river at our Leadership Training Center. As the Ethiopian asked Philip (Acts 18:36), "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" I readily agreed, and – joined by Clever Sanchez whom I had the privilege of baptizing early in the training ministry, and now the pastor of the church – we stepped into the lake to be baptized. A young believer from the church in Shahuaya had also come in his canoe to be baptized, all witnessed by local residents.

