

YANAONA

Who They Are

Originally from Peru, the Yanacona were brought by the Spanish to be slaves in Colombia. Since they are not natives, there is an ongoing fight to establish recognition as an Indian group in Colombia. As farmers and "country folk," many still live similar lifestyles to those of their ancestors; however, their original language has been lost.

The Yanacona have deeply held traditions, including the worship of different apparitions of the Virgin Mary, who guided and protected them. The Yanacona worldview also relies on the belief in 3 realms; an underworld, a middle world occupied by humans, and a higher world where God, the Virgin Mary, and the saints reside.

Barriers To The Gospel

Deep-rooted beliefs in mystical religious deities remain a stronghold among the Yanacona and have been difficult to penetrate with the Truth.

Fast Facts

Population: 37,000

Heart Language: Spanish

Evangelical Status: A few believers in Cali

METRO EAST BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

4950 Old Collinsville Road
Swansea, Illinois 62226
Phone: 618-624-4444
E-mail: rcarroll@meba.org
Website: www.meba.org

Colombia Partnership Overview Nights

Tuesday Evening, June 11

Thursday Evening, June 20

There are three ways for you to get involved...

PRAY...

GIVE...

GO...

You will learn about all three opportunities to get involved with our partnership with the Americas.

Both Meetings will be at the MEBA Office

Starting at 7 PM



The Yanacona Of Colombia

Working to Engage the Yanacona Peoples



Engaging the Yanacona people will be challenging but not impossible. Our IMB partner has laid the ground work for us. She teaches Missions at the Seminary in Cali. A part of her class includes each student doing mission work with indigenous people groups in the area. She has two strong missionaries who are already at work reaching out to the people group we are engaging and one other unreached unengaged people group.

You will notice three areas of work we can do to assist our missionaries in their work and be a part of engaging unreached unengaged people groups in Colombia.

THE SEMINARY



The Baptist Seminary in Cali is preparing students for ministry in all aspects of Christian ministry. The seminary was built in 1953 and many of the buildings are in need of work. Here is the first way we can partner with our brothers and sisters in Cali to continue to engage people...

Work Projects at the Seminary:

1. Repair, sand, and stain and varnish the pews in the chapel.
2. Gut and remodel both the restrooms on the second floor of the main building.
3. Re-wire the dorm buildings and bring all electrical up to code in these buildings.

All materials will be provided by the seminary, however donations are welcome!

PARTNER CHURCH IN CALI

The Baptist Church in Cali operates a Christian school. The greatest area of need is in their preschool area. They currently have 23 children with a goal of 30 to be enrolled. They need qualified teachers to come and train their workers in preschool ministry that provides a Christ-centered quality of education. This project involved both going and giving...

1. Preschool Trainers are to go and train their teachers in the basic preschool ministry and help them set up their classrooms to provide quality Christian education. They are requesting trainers to come in January and in April of 2020.
2. Further, they need assistance in providing the materials needed for this ministry. They are projecting a budget of \$5,000 to meet this need. If your church's VBS or Sunday School could take up an offering that would be designated for this need, please let us know you will contribute toward this need.

ENGAGING THE PEOPLE GROUPS

The work to engage the people groups on their reservations is a challenging endeavor. The National Missionaries are working with their people group leadership to allow "foreign" workers to come in to help with specific projects.

The Yanacona

Projects to build relationships and trust are planned. These projects include: Helping them agriculturally; Painting classrooms in the schools in the market towns; Performing dramas that share a Christian truth; Prayer walking; Medical professionals provide a weekend clinic; and other relationship building projects.

The Waunaan

This people group is located near the ocean, not far from Cali. The government is encouraging families to have their own homes. Each family is expected to provide all the materials for building the home. All they need is workers to come and building the homes. This could be done any time a team is ready to go.

PRAY:

Colombians would be burdened to reach the Indigenous peoples with the gospel.

The Yanacona would find their true identity in Christ and not simply in their ethnic identity.

As God raises up new leaders there will be the resources to train them and send them out to engage the unengaged of Colombia.

