

# Rain of Blessing Ministry

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## Amazon Update

Dearest Family & Friends

Heavy rains have fallen for days.

When the sun shines through,  
it's hot and steamy.

When it's damp and chilly,  
the land is soaked.

The river continues to go down.

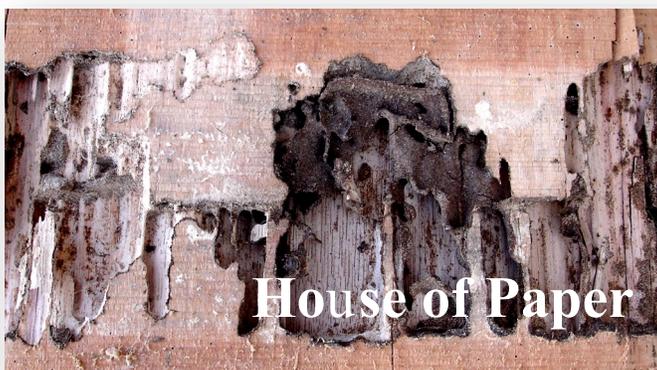
Small passenger boats  
to heavy cargo-passenger ships  
are being challenged.

Only 8 feet of water  
is necessary to stay afloat!

José travelled to Yurimaguas  
in a fast boat that got stuck  
on a sand bar.

Some got out to set it free.

Our ship dragged bottom  
the morning before we arrived.



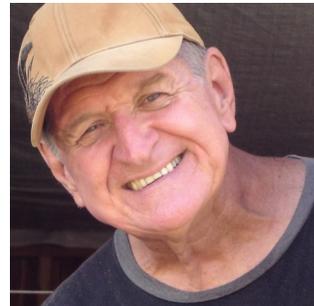
House of Paper is the name  
José gave our present home!

Why? Because  
termites eat the soft wood  
and leave the rest  
that crumbles and tumbles  
inside and outside the house.

They like to be dry, so search  
for above-ground lodging  
in rainy season.

Our walls are in reality  
only outer walls.

Thousands claim residence  
in the spaces between the boards.  
A huge nest is at the crest of the  
roof for those who made it to the  
top! But...it's coming down!



Paulette's  
beloved husband  
has long desired  
to build her  
a decent house.

She's accustomed  
to live in one room  
almost 4 years  
we have lived  
in Nueva Unión.

The new 7- room  
house under  
construction will  
have all hard wood!



Life is challenging in the jungle for the people in so many ways! Daily, they live in survival mode.

They hunt, fish and gather fruit and vegetables.

5 women were hired to plant rice and peanut seeds in our prepared fields.

Some bring their children when not in school.

One grandmother brings her 3 grandchildren she and her husband are raising.

The moms' older children care for the younger, close within view.

Beside wages, the women and children receive breakfast and lunch.

Joyful voices fill the air as they plant together.

They desire permanent work.

Construction of a permanent church building has been set aside. We presently meet in José's home.

More important is discovering the best format to teach those with little or no formal education.

We're considering storytelling and children's Bible story videos and training leaders.

José's daughter Brenda, is teaching her mother to read.

The grandmother planter, will be taught by her older granddaughter whom Brenda will train with material from Literacy & Evangelism International.

"Healing is a place of death where we die to self and enter into the suffering of others."  
Randy Clark

Paulette's suffering was not in vain!  
Her book will be a God instrument for Him to heal others!

Love & Blessings,  
Willie & Paulette Strickland  
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