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**OCTOBER 2008**      “I never knew the love of my father.” This is how the young Wounan Indian man began his testimony in church a few weeks ago. I had asked him to share a certain story but he felt he needed to include this part of his life.

“My father left us when I was seven years old and we were so poor that I ran around naked all the time. I had no clothes at all. It wasn't until we moved to the Gamboa area when I was a teenager that God began to bless our lives. This is also when I came to know the love of my heavenly Father.”

This young man, now married with three children is one of the leaders of the Wounan Indigenous village up the river from Gamboa. Basically the whole village of 30 people are Christians and involved in the life of the Gamboa Union Church. This is the first time I had ever heard one of the Indians, especially a man, share about his emotions. He had attended the seminar at the beginning of September called “Restoring the Foundations.” For four evenings he rode with me and others from his village to the meetings, but I never heard any of them discussing when they heard. I was wondering if the material just was not relating to them with such a different culture. But it did!

He went on to say, “I learned at the seminar that we can inherit the sins of our fathers and grandfathers. My father had pain in both of his shoulders that never went away. Now, here I was at a young age having this same pain in both shoulders that wouldn't go away. When there was prayer to break the generational curses the pain went right away from my shoulders and has not returned. I thank and praise the Lord.”

One of the Wounan men stopped me on the road about a week after the seminar to say that his teenage daughter and son who had gone with me each night to the seminar were now teaching their parents each evening in their bamboo hut that which they had learned. The mother could not read or write at all so the children took the lead to help the family grow in Christ.

Another Wounan young man who is on staff for Youth With A Mission had learned so much about the importance of forgiving and believing the lies of the devil that he took action. He made a special trip to see his mother in this same village and she could neither read or write. (She also does not know when her birthday is or how old she is... but she is old!) He went over the truths he had learned at the seminar and told her she needed to know this stuff. He prayed with her to break generational sins, resist the lies of the devil and for God to heal the hurts of the past. Here is another example of a son or daughter teaching their parents what they are experiencing in their walk with the Lord. This woman was the first Indian from her village to come to Christ about 30 years ago and is a real prayer warrior.

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