

Dr. Tidmarsh has a little house and is building an airstrip down on the Curaray, just below Oglan. He comes back to Arajuno each week end. About 10 days ago he was returning to Curaray, and within one hour of arrival, fell and dislocated his shoulder and so returned. No doubt this was the Lord's purpose. For last week, while recovering, word came that a group of Aucas had attacked his house on the Curaray, even while a few Quichuas were working on the airstrip. Doc made a trip in the first of this week to check the story.

Here it is: A group of Aucas, estimated by the amount of trampling, etc. to be about 20, had attacked the house at about 7 am. They were not seen by any of the Quichuas but were heard by the men up the airstrip. They apparently had stormed with will all ferocity from every direction. They busted the doors off the house, smashed everything in sight except what they stole, and scattered stuff all over the place. Some paper money they found in a box they tore into tiny shreds. They took machetes and axes stored there, all clothing and bedding, pots & pans, and all the foodstuffs. They left two lances crossed before the doorway, and one sticking in each window. Across the river they apparently ate, organized their loot, and left in a hurry.

Doc didn't get the word until the next afternoon after it happened. We immediately made a flight over the Terminal City, and found the usual gang at home. They showed no fear of the place [sic] at all, waving to us, and motioning us drop gifts. It's hard to believe that if they were the culprits, they wouldn't show some nervousness over the immediate appearance of the plane. Probably it was they, though of course we can't be sure. It may have been the larger group more to the Northeast.

The lances they left were very old ones, and we noticed some paper wrapped on them. Two had portions of magazine pages on them. On one we noticed something underneath a wrapping of cord. It was a page from an English New Testaments, the 119<sup>th</sup> Psalm to be exact. Verse 101 to 103 most prominent. Another one appears to have a page from a large English Bible on it, which has deteriorated more. No doubt they got these from the five fellows when they were killed.

This makes a real problem for the Tidmarshes, just what to do. They tentatively feel led to proceed as planned, though of course with a great deal of caution and care. Please pray for them. The Lord will truly have to work a miracle in the Aucas' hearts.

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