

Photos from Cabeceras Aid Project's Maihuna Pilot Visit
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May 17. Chris and two Maihuna women peeling yuca at a *minga* (work party) at a chacra just upriver from Puerto Huaman. About 20 people participated. *Mingas* are a great collaborative work strategy, common throughout Loreto. Participants are rewarded in two ways: first, they can expect reciprocal participation when they themselves host a *minga*; and second, they are served *masato* throughout the course of the *minga*.



May 18. Community members in Nueva Vida participating in a *mañanera* (an early morning work party) to hand-cut the grass in the soccer field for an upcoming inter-community match. Participants are served *masato* throughout the course of their work.



May 17. A boatful of yuca, harvested and peeled at the *minga*, which will be used by the chacra's owners to make *fariña*. The yuca will be soaked in water, then drained, then toasted; the *fariña* that results is dense, long-lasting, and portable food.



May 18. Lev talking with community members from Nueva Vida, and Romero (far left), the schoolteacher from Huaman, at the end of the *mañanera*.

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May 18. Lev talking with Alberto (far left), Romero (seated at left), and Liberato (seated at right) after the community meeting held in Nueva Vida. Alberto and Liberato are fluent speakers of Maihuna.



May 17. At barely 3 degrees south of the equator, the direct sun is fierce in the afternoon. While peeling yuca during the *minga*, Chris made good use of an abundant local resource to shade her nose.



May 18. A huge pot of *+ne ono*, or *pifuayo masato*, being shared around at Alberto's house. The woman holding the full bowl is from Totoya, and is in Nueva Vida to visit family. Pifuayo is a type of palm fruit that grows abundantly in this area; it has very dense, oily, slightly sweet flesh.