

JOY AYABE UPDATE

May 16, 2019

Dear Friends and Family,

7.2 on the Richter Scale and the epicentre only 60 miles away from Ukarumpa

We felt like we were in the middle of the old rock and roll song titled, ***“Shake, Rattle, Roll”!***

It was long and very shaky. Our whole house shook. Things fell down all over the place and many things broke beyond repair. (Some very sentimental to us.) But we were safe and there were no reported injuries here at Ukarumpa. Many people lost their water tanks that collect drinking water. The earthquake shook so hard that they cracked near the bottoms of the tanks and the water came pouring out, making the holes bigger as it went. Our tank was fine but our neighbor and many others around the center had to replace theirs.

Earthquakes are very common here and we have been through more than we can count, but neither of us have ever been through one that shook so hard and lasted so long. When you find yourself in an earthquake remember to drop, cover (go under a table) and hold (to the table leg), stand in a doorway that is sturdy, get out of the building and far away from it to a clear area. This is all easier said than done. It is all good advice but walking in our house, while all the shaking and rolling was going on was difficult.