

## Wirikuta Tameme

*Nature*

Christianism & Wixárika

Wirikuta, Mexico

October to November 2019

Lolo Pérez (57 years old), Elía Sagrado (74) e don Flor (79, R.I.P.)

Lolo and I have been travelling together around the world for many years and have been living adventures throughout deserts, jungles and mountain peaks. My friend has always been carrying gears I was not able to carry with, but he is bearing one of the harshest sorrows a human being can carry for a few years. His mother, Conchita (86), vanishes into the oblivion and time of his very self due to Alzheimer.

In order to release such sorrow for a while, we navigated the Wirikuta desert looking for Saint Francis' memory, in the Real de Catorce church. This desert has become a place for pilgrimage to wixáricas, whose objective is to find their gods to "find life among nature".

On the way, we met two people who were our light and inspiration: don Flor, a hermit that felt a profound love for nature and religious fervour to Saint Francis, and Elía Sagrado, don Flor's friend and anthropologist who visited him several times until he passed away.