

HUTTON FAMILY MISSION UPDATE

October — November 2020

HELLO, FRIENDS & MISSION PARTNERS,

**TO EVERY GIFT AND EVERY PRAYER YOU HAVE GIVEN
TO THIS MISSION AND TO OUR FAMILY, WE
WANT TO SAY: "THANK YOU."**

To find out all that has been happening within this ministry to reach the Cabécar Indians for Jesus Christ, please read our most recent update letter below.

"BUT WE ALL, WITH OPEN FACE BEHOLDING AS IN A GLASS THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE CHANGED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY, EVEN AS BY THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD."

— 2ND CORINTHIANS 3:18

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO READ OTHER PREVIOUS UPDATE LETTERS AND INFORMATION ABOUT OUR FAMILY AND CABÉCAR MINISTRY, THESE CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEB PAGE. THE LINK FOR OUR WEB PAGE IS AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE. IF YOU WOULD DESIRE TO BECOME A MONTHLY GIVER TO THIS MISSION OR WOULD LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TO THIS WORK, YOU CAN GIVE DIRECTLY TO US AT THE LINK FOUND BELOW. OR YOU CAN SEND YOUR OFFERINGS IN TO OUR MISSION AGENCY ADDRESS FOUND BELOW. OR YOU CAN SEND AN OFFERING (DESIGNATED TO THE HUTTON FAMILY AS MISSIONARIES) TO OUR SENDING CHURCH ADDRESS BELOW. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GIFTS AND FAITHFUL MONTHLY SUPPORT! YOU CAN SEND ANY OF YOUR COMMENTS OR RESPONSES TO OUR LETTERS BY SENDING US A MESSAGE ON FACEBOOK OR AT OUR EMAIL ADDRESS FOUND BELOW. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!



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**"To whom He was not spoken of, they shall see:
and they that have not heard shall understand." —Romans 15:21**

HELLO CHURCHES AND FRIENDS,

It wasn't but a day after we returned from our two-week trip to the U.S.A. that we received a message from the Cabécar, that we gather with regularly, asking us this: "When are we all gathering together for a church service again?"

One Recent Visit To The U.S.A

We took a two-week visit to Florida in the middle of October which proved to be beneficial to the ministry. One major task that we accomplished while there was to pick up our children's books for school. Additionally, we were able to purchase needed supplies and visit a couple churches. Many thanks to the Lord and to one of our supporting churches, First Baptist Church of Ruskin, who had us in for an update meeting and for generously providing a financial gift which allowed us to purchase all of the mud-boots and book bags for our Christmas Boots and Bags Project for the Cabécar children that we minister to here in Costa Rica. Another huge thanks to Iglesia Bautista Providence for their gracious gifts and for giving us the opportunity to be with them during our visit.

Justice and Verity greatly enjoyed spending time with their grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Unfortunately, our kids missed out on attending our church visits, due to precautions taken against Covid (for their grandparents), because we were staying with family. The next time we visit the USA, we hope to take our children to the church meetings with us. Our children have already been making comments to us, saying: "When are we going to church in Florida?"



A Decrease In Our Monthly Support

For several months since the start of the pandemic, we were encouraged to see that our monthly support remained at its usual level. Thank you so very much for every gift you have given to support this work! However, we received news over the last couple months from a few of our supporters telling us that they will need to stop our support altogether or lower the amount of monthly support they send in each month. Certainly, we understand that because of Covid, finances have changed for many people. However, this has resulted in a decrease of our monthly support of about \$400, and a \$5,000 decrease per year. You might say, why is this important? Well, it pains us to say this but the reality is that our medical and ministry expenses have risen over this past year. Since we live in a country which has socialized medical system, we are forced to pay into their medical system each month, whether we use it or not. Because we have recently obtained our residency visas, we now have this additional expense per month.



Currently, we live in the center of a mountainous region, surrounded by rainforests, and 2-3 hours away from the nearest coast or major city. This means that we rarely travel anywhere (other than ministry) further than forty-five minutes from our home, except for one time per month when we must stock up on supplies in the major city of Cartago. We live on a small and tight budget, and anything extra we have goes directly into giving back to the work and help of this mission to the Cabécar. We do not use credit cards, and we certainly do not splurge or shop unnecessarily month by month.

There is so much we look forward to doing and have planned to do in this ministry, but much of what we will do will require more financial support. Would you please pray with us that God will increase and return to us our needed monthly support and yearly giving in this amount, so that we might continue working strong after our purpose in this mission? Pray with us that new giving partners and churches would be led to begin giving to our mission work with the Cabécar. And to those of you who partner with us in your giving and praying, we thank you so very much for faithfully giving each month and each year to continue this Gospel work to the Cabécar Indians!

First, An Encouraging Story

Don't you enjoy receiving unexpected good news!? We sure do! A lady who is a friend of ours in Florida, shared this story with us. Her daughter had received some of the bracelets and bags made by our Cabécar women when we were giving them out at one of our church meetings in the USA. Her daughter decided to take these Cabécar bracelets and bags to school with her one day. She said that her daughter, who is normally not one who stands in the limelight or is outspoken, had something wonderful happen in her classroom at school that day. She was led to share about our mission work to the Cabécar Indians in Costa Rica with all of her classmates. Can you guess what happened next? Her teacher used the remaining time in the class period to research all they could about the Cabecar Indians in Costa Rica. Wow!

This quickly reminded us of the great impact that every one of us can have to those watching us at work in our Christian life and in our Christian ministry! We thank God for this little girl and her testimony for the Lord!



Church Services in the Mountains of Atirro

Looking back at all of the Cabécar church services/gatherings we have had over the past two months, we can see that God has returned to us what it looked like Covid restrictions and interruptions had temporarily taken away from us!



Worship with song and instruments has returned to our church services. Children and adults are back to watching Bible story videos together at our meetings. Our children are spending time outside with their Cabécar friends in the ministry. And with everyone feeling more comfortable to speak to each other again, our translation of Spanish Bible material into Cabécar is now moving forward. Soon, we trust we will have a Salvation tract available in the Cabécar language!

Speaking of salvation, just before our trip back to the U.S, we were at one of our weekly Cabécar services, and we shared a message which centered upon salvation. Our chosen text was Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." For the first time we recited John 3:16 in the Cabécar language while concluding this service. Then, we gave the plan of salvation, offered the sinner's prayer for salvation, and asked if anyone had made a decision for salvation. One Cabécar lady raised her hand, and said that she called upon Jesus for salvation and received Him as her Savior!! Just so you know, we teach the Cabécar about assurance of salvation and teach that salvation is a one time decision, and that there is no need to continue making this decision over and over. We discuss this truth about eternal salvation with them as often as possible.

Much of our Bible teaching has been filled with salvation messages, with a Bible teaching on forgiveness, while also continuing our study of Prophecy from Genesis to Revelation. Through the books of Joshua and Judges, we have been teaching about the promise of the Savior then and how it has been fulfilled. These teachings have spurred our leaders to search out the Scriptures with us, and join with us in answering questions, sharing Bible verses, and speaking of their own Biblical convictions and beliefs from Scripture to all the church. And would you have guessed that a few use a Bible app which allows for them to read from their own language at these services!? God sure is amazing at blessing us with good purposes in using technology! Hasn't He?!

A short while ago, one Cabécar man firmly spoke of the Trinity, saying this to us: "It says here in Genesis that God said, "Let Us make man in Our own image." He then questioned us, saying, "This is speaking of God being Triune and three persons, and these words are being used in plural form, right?" This amazed us, and we couldn't help but say to him, "Good job!" Certainly, we were overjoyed to answer him saying, "That is absolutely what God is saying." We have such a wise God, don't we?!

Church Services in the Mountains of Moravia

Much has changed for the Cabécar due to COVID restrictions. Specifically, in one area (where we usually visit homes and a school), several bridges are no longer safe enough to pass over because of a lack of upkeep. Sadly, this has happened because of the decrease in work ethic which the virus has promoted. Still, Cabécar are keen at being cultivators of crops, sellers of livestock of all sorts, and caretakers and harvesters of coffee, sugar cane, bananas, and much more. Of course, they also, like millions of people around the world are experiencing a decrease in their business. But what has not changed for them and for us is that we continue to meet new families living deep into the jungles. Many families that we meet with are not downcast in spirit, but are instead hopeful and at peace during this struggle!

After speaking upon the topic of 'spiritual thirst' at one of our recent meetings, and after sharing the plan of salvation, we firmly believe that children and adults quietly prayed to receive salvation and eternal life from Jesus, and believing in Him as their personal Savior! They were overjoyed to hear us personally recite for memory John 3:16 with them in their own Cabécar language. Then at the following meeting with the Cabécar in the Moravia area, many responded with laughs and chuckles, and then with a face set in deep thinking as we spoke a message about 'using the Bible as our mirror.' All praise goes to our Savior and to His Words which are powerful to show us the way to be saved!

At each service, new Cabécar Indian faces continue to be added. Familiar faces of children continue to join us each and every month. A handful of men mentioned to us that they joined us because they were invited by their family members. This has been such a blessing and an answer to prayer, because we now are seeing more Cabécar men to join us, and speak and read at these gatherings. They help us learn their language, and they even play worship music for us at these meetings! We continue to ask that God will raise up men and women and children like these in every location of our ministry, and we are praying that they will stand strong and be led into the work of the ministry along side of us!

Evangelistic Outreach Meeting in the Mountains of Nimari

After four months of being held back from visiting this Nimari Cabécar community, we are finally back! Normally, when we hold services in this location, we must carry both our children in back packs upon our shoulders. Not this time! Both our children made the walk with ease upon the mountain trail. It was exciting to see them do the walk on their own. They were so happy that they couldn't help but run to the pavilion which we meet under with the Cabécar.

Just before our service began, we were first taken to a nearby bridge further into the mountain rainforests. This is also one of the two bridges which they are planning to paint with which we were able to provide to them. You see, these two bridges are crucial to the communities survival, because without both, they could not pass over the rivers to their homes. And this is also a bridge which is in need of repairs.

