

# HUTTON FAMILY MISSION UPDATE

**October — November 2020**

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— 2ND CORINTHIANS 3:18

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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 Cabécar 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.





Please remember that because of your monthly giving we in turn were able to provide this paint to help preserve and protect these two bridges for their entire community! We thank you for the gifts which God led you to give to make this possible! Once we began to serve food at our gathering, our two children joined in with us by handing out drinks to everyone who attended. They were such a great help in doing this!

Just before we began a Bible message, we handed out suckers to all of the children and adults, and to our children too. This kept our own children occupied while we spoke about the Biblical ways in which God would have us use the Bible as our mirror and in proper way. As we spoke to them, they were intent on listening and thinking about God's Word being shared with them. You could see it all over their faces!

Over and over, we commented to this group, "It is so good to be back with you all!" They too agreed with us. And certainly, our children were overjoyed to be back with the Cabécar boys and girls in this area. They enjoyed being back and could be seen playing at the nearby playground with several of the Cabecar children who attended our meeting!

### **This Christmas With The Cabecar Indians**

This December, we will have Christmas celebrations in our three ministry locations. And this year God has enabled us to give mud boots and book bags to a hundred and fifty Cabécar Indian children and teens. In each Cabécar area that we minister in, we will doing a small celebration with the Cabécar people sharing about Christ and His salvation that He offers us and about the wonderful Christmas story in the Bible.

### **We Are Now Residents of Costa Rica!**

At the end of October, the borders opened up for all tourists to enter and leave Costa Rica. Before any person (including us) becomes a resident in this country, they are classified as a tourist. All tourists must show a return ticket or they risk being denied entry into the country. But the virus put our visit on hold, forcing us to cancel our flight a few times. But God worked out the situation with our cancelled flights. Ticket prices dropped drastically. This allowed for us to use our vouchers from our cancelled flights to use for two sets of round-trip tickets for the price of just one!

After two and a half years of paperwork, fees, and numerous immigration office visits, we are now considered by the immigration agency as legal residents of Costa Rica! In fact, our residency visas are ready to be picked up! Surprisingly though, we did not find this out by email or by speaking personally with an official, but instead we received this information from a customs officer while at the Costa Rica airport prior to our most recent flight to the U.S. The airport customs of Costa Rica would not allow us to get on the airplane until we were first given approval for our children to leave the country. After approval, we left the country and entered back in without any problems and without any need of a return ticket!

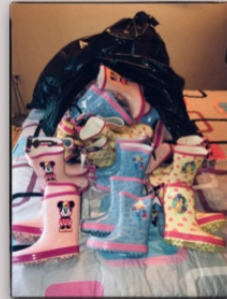
### **One More Christmas Visit To The U.S**

Through the latter part of December stretching into the beginning of January, we have plans to fly back to Florida. We are scheduled to visit our sending church, Woodland, on January 3rd. We would also like to visit other churches and/or their small groups during this time. If you or your church would give us the opportunity to share our ministry in a small group or Sunday school class, or maybe you know of a church that would have us in to share about our mission work, would you please contact us? Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Truly, there is so much more we could share about what God has been doing and making happen with this mission. But we know two pages can be a long read for some, so we have done our best to keep this brief. We thank you for taking time to read about our ministry. Thanks also for your prayers and for giving to this ministry, month after month, and year after year! With the Lord's help and if it be His will, we will continue on serving the Cabécar Indians for many years to come! Thank you again for being a partner with us in this mission!

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What should someone do when they notice a family walking on the road in the same direction they are driving? The majority of us would stop and ask them if they need a ride, as long as they do not appear to be a threat to us, right? You would be surprised how often this happens to our family when we drive deep into the mountains where we hold our regular Cabécar church gatherings. Each time we minister to the Cabécar, we are given opportunities like this. These encounters are an important part of meeting Cabécar who otherwise we might never have met. These families who we have given rides to have told us that their home is several hours away and sometimes even a day's walk into the deep mountainous rainforests. This gives us the chance to speak to them in their Cabécar language and give them a Spanish booklet containing the plan of salvation. Soon, we trust that Cabécar Indian leaders will help us to translate and make these tracts available in their own Cabécar language. Thanks to God, the bed of our truck has become a powerful tool for us to help others and to connect with new people and even share the Gospel with them.

Speaking of connecting with new people, we have had the opportunity to meet some new Cabécar families in both our Atirro area and Moravia area ministries. There seems to always be a new family moving into the Atirro area for work. There are a lot of coffee and caña (sugar cane) fields, which provide a lot of work opportunities for this area. Concerning the Moravia area, we often wonder who invited the new families to join our Cabécar church gatherings. It is moments like these that assure to us that God is before us and there is a future and a hope. God is on the move! We praise the Lord that we are able to continue to move forward in our mission to the Cabécar!

## Times of Encouragement in Moravia

Upon our arrival to the Moravia area, we are greeted by the Cabécar, and we begin connecting with them as much as we are able during these restricted times. We all gather into the open-air pavilion which has been graciously loaned to us for use in our ministry. Then, we serve food and drinks to everyone. Although our ministry in this area has been limited to these monthly group services in Moravia, many women, men, and children at these meetings remain faithful and devoted to gathering with us. We are limited in our time at these gatherings, due to increased restrictions from the pandemic. The property manager here believes this helps to lessen the possibility of spreading the virus and drawing the attention of authorities which could try to fine us and shut us down. As before the pandemic, when we have more time at these services, this would allow us to have more conversations and connections. There is always time for us to say hello and ask them how they are doing, etc. But getting into deeper matters of life with them is put on hold for now. During one of our recent chats with some of the Cabécar in Moravia, we were asked by a Cabécar man, "Can you come and visit our family at our home?" Sadly, we were forced to decline the request until the pandemic restrictions allow for us to freely enter into the Cabécar homes again. Please pray with us that more time will be given to us in the coming months in order to have deeper conversations and return to visiting homes in this location.

Even still, each month we have shared with this congregation of Cabécar a message from the Bible with words of encouragement, along with the offer of salvation through Jesus Christ our Savior. On several occasions, Cabécar men have stood with us and read in the Bible before the crowd in their language. At one service, we shared that Jesus is the Light of life (as spoken of in John 8:12) and how it is He that can lead us into eternal life and out of the darkness of sin and death. At another service, the message was centered around how we can have hope, endurance, and patience (as written in James 5:10-11) through the Lord during our times of suffering, as Job aimed to have when his life seemed to be falling apart for him.

What has been most impressive to see among this group of Cabécar is their responsiveness to our messages in recent months. We now constantly see their heads nodding in agreement, and more and more they are answering out loud to questions we ask them. This hasn't always been so. Looking back over the past three years of these meetings, very rarely would we ever hear a voice of response during our interactive messages. And rarely would people even carry on a conversation with us, but this also has changed!

At the end of these meetings, we exchange bags of essential food items with the Cabécar ladies for their handmade bracelets and bags. This work continues to be a regular part of our visits to this area and the other areas. What else are we able to give? Empty gallon-size bottles. Is this making you think, "Really?" Plastic bottles are for recycling, but among many cultures and people groups around the world desire to use these types of items. When we have set twenty, empty, gallon-sized bottles on a table, they are gone in seconds. If we give an empty bottle to a child, mother, or father, we see the smile and hear words of appreciation. This helps us see how helpful one bottle is to their everyday life! Thanks to God for making plastic so helpful to our world!

## Times of Change in Atirro

A favorite part of our services of Bible teaching in this area is when we are able to have a gathering style of open conversation about Biblical subjects. Having some of the leaders take turns reading the Bible in Spanish and in their Cabécar language has allowed them to see how God speaks directly to them. Asking open-ended questions has allowed for them to find the answers in their Bible. We do this because these Cabécar families want to be involved in searching out and reading Scriptures to see if these things which are being taught by us are true. Another favorite thing that we like to see is just how much the kids and adults enjoy a snack of bean dip and tortilla chips which we serve them from time to time before our service begins. With their many smiles, comments, and questions it is easy to see their enjoyment and appreciation for the meals we provide them, especially the bean dip!







Each week when we gather together with this group, we spend our time following the promises and prophecies of salvation from Genesis to Revelation in the Bible. We have moved from Genesis into Exodus and are now moving into the book Joshua. Surprisingly, many of the Cabécar men, women, and children know many Biblical promises and Biblical history of the Old Testament. But how? Over the past three years, we have been teaching them. One of the ways we have taught them about the Bible stories, promises, and history of the Old Testament is by way of them watching Superbook ( a Bible story and teaching video series meant for children), and also by their own personal study and devotions in their Bibles. Though we have many professing believers in this group to which we teach these truths, we still make sure that the offer of salvation through Jesus Christ is spoken and given regularly! Also, a bit of normalcy has returned to these meetings. A few times over the past two months, our children were able to spend time with the Cabécar boys and girls inside a home, which we we have been permitted to use when it rains during our meetings. The Cabécar children and ours were overjoyed to be together again, and they did not want to part from each other when the services ended. On other occasions we have been invited into their homes to play worship songs together and engage in learning their Cabécar language. More often than not, we find ourselves returning to the way things were before the pandemic. For instance, over the past few months, people felt as though they needed to keep from having one-on-one conversations with us. But now they are back at work in connecting with us. Even our trainee for the ministry in this location has firmly said that he is willing to drive his own motorcycle to serve with us in other areas we are reaching!

One recent conversation has led us to find out that the Cabécar people, on a whole, do not believe that eternal places, such heaven and hell, exist. What they do believe is that when a person dies, nothing is beyond this life of which we live here on earth. Cabécar do believe in a god named Sibō that created them, but that he has not revealed anything of a personal relationship to them, and has nothing to tell them about eternity. What do you think happens once a Cabécar hears of a personal and loving God from the Bible, and who wants a close relationship with them? For many Cabécar that we know, their world has been completely changed! They are drawn in to hearing the Word of God, and they make a decision to receive eternal life from Jesus Christ our Lord. And praise God, we have seen this happen over and over, and we continue to see Jesus change one Cabécar after another within these families!

**One Step Closer and Forward**

Whenever social gatherings occur there must be social distancing and masks worn. But one issue we are dealing with is that the majority of Cabécars we spend our time with do not wear masks, and the virus is not spreading amongst their people. These strange times have been challenging to both our family and the Cabécar Indians, and especially to this ministry. The virus has prevented us from visiting Indian homes, it has demanded that our services be shortened and conducted outside, it has limited us from visiting one of our three ministry locations, and it has us kept from having our children serve with us as they normally do in the ministry. While these barriers are still before us, the scars which this virus has caused are slowly being healed on the hearts and minds of many around us. And as you can see and read above, God is straightening out each bend and kink which has happened in our life and ministry over these difficult months in 2020.

At this moment in time, one of our greatest challenges is being required to have our meetings outside where hard rainfall happens frequently. The downpours of rain have been so hard and loud that the voices of Cabécar reading the Bible can hardly be heard. Cabécar speak low in volume anyway, so this has forced us to speak up loudly for them in moments like these. So it is still a prayer request of ours to have a pavilion in this Atirro area in the near future, where we can be outside, have enough room to social distance, and also be covered by a roof from the rain. Thanks to our Lord we have pavilions that we can meet under in our other two locations of ministry!

There are many goals for us in this mission, and we are asking that God would help us achieve them. Please pray with us over these many requests listed below to help us move toward achieving these goals.

- Continue training present and possible Cabécar leaders for the ministry
- Continue providing essential food items to Cabécar families in need
- Reach new Cabécar areas we have been asked to reachReturn to visiting Cabécar homes periodically and with our ATV
- Awaiting a pavilion for Cabécar church services
- An increase in our monthly support due to having to be enrolled in the social security health system here, whether we use it or not.

As we move forward in this mission, your prayers and financial support are a crucial part of how God is making all of this possible! Thank you so very much for what you have done, are doing, and will do in being a part of this ministry. Your prayers and giving are much appreciated!

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## ***CONTINUED MINISTRY VISITS***

### ***INTO THE MOUNTAINS WITH THE CABÉCAR INDIANS***

Have you ever thought during this COVID-19 pandemic, “It is too bad that the churches all over the world have stopped meeting together?” Or maybe you have thought, “It’s sad that right now, missionaries everywhere are being kept from carrying out the great commission.” If these thoughts have crossed your mind, then we are happy to tell you, this is not the case with us, and probably not so with many others around the world at work in their mission! Praise our God for making this possible for all of us! May our thoughts and prayers be with the missionaries that have been kept from carrying out their work during this difficult time.

Here in Costa Rica, the number of COVID-19 cases have risen, but the death rate is staying low, which is very good news for us! There have been very few cases reported among the Cabécar, and no deaths as of yet. Masks and face shields are now mandated to be worn when entering into stores and businesses and while in close proximity to people. Stronger mandates are to be expected soon for all of Costa Rica. Concerning the USA, we know young and elderly people who have recovered fully from having the virus. This should be encouraging to each of us to know that this virus is not a 100% death sentence for any of us. Sharing this news with the Cabécar Indians has given them hope against the fear of this virus, which God certainly would want for all of us!

Thus far, the Nimari location is the only area of our ministry that we have not able to gather together for a church service because of the virus restrictions. We were able to meet with the community to hand out food and some Bible verses, but we were not able to have a formal Bible study or church gathering. The leaders of this community are not yet fully convinced that it is safe to meet as a community group, but they do expect groups to be allowed to gather in the near future. Also, because of the unpredictable rainy season we are having here in the mountains, this has caused our visits to be rescheduled more than once. Though we cannot visit this location as we did before, and while the virus is still suppressing the amount of visiting and ministering we are allowed to do, God has continued to make a way for us to regularly meet with and serve in two other locations of our ministry!

## ***SHARING GOD’S LOVE***

### ***IN THE MORAVIA AREA***

At one of our most recent visits to this location, over forty Cabécar Indian boys, girls, women and men met with us for a meal and a message from the Bible. This was not an easy task with keeping everyone socially-distanced, and abiding by virus mandates. The best that could be done was done. You see, usually we meet under a large pavilion area, but for this visit we planned to gather outside along the road. When we arrived and began greeting everyone, German (who allows and organizes for us to use this property for meetings) decided to have all of us move under the pavilion, away from the main road. He informed us that people in the area had gathered together to celebrate a birthday, and the police showed up, fined people, and put an end to their birthday celebration. He told us this with worry that it could also happen to us. He also stressed to us that we must all be extremely careful with how and where we gather together.

Onto the positive news concerning this meeting, even with these restrictions in place, we were able serve a meal to everyone and give out essential food items in exchange for bags and bracelets which were made. Several women that make these items, tell us that they view this as their work and as a help to them. One lady wrote us a note expressing her thankfulness for the ministry. In addition to this visit, we were also able to share a small devotional teaching on God’s love seen in John 3:16. Usually, at our services, we are the ones reading to them from the Bible in the Spanish language, or trying our best to read the Bible in their Cabécar language. But to our surprise, one man who has been faithfully attending our services, stepped up again and read from the Cabécar Bible for us! After he read, we shared that the love of our Savior is unlike the love of people in our lives who may have left us and abandoned us, thus failing to faithfully love us always like God does. As we encouraged them that God’s love never stops and that He never leaves or abandons us, we shared that He wants to see everyone saved by receiving Him for eternal life!

## ***GROWING SERVICES***

### ***IN THE ATIRRO COMMUNITY***

At this point in time, we are still regularly meeting each week with several Cabécar Indian families in the Atirro/Maquina Vieja area. The Cabécar boys and girls in this community have not allowed the fear of the virus to stop them from helping us pass out drinks and food or set up the seats we bring for everyone. If only you could see the excitement in these young souls as they show us the bracelets and items they have made for the week, which they trade in return for a sucker, chips, cookies, an apple, gum, or mints.

Teaching in the rain has continued to be a challenge for all of us, since we do not have a building to gather under because of the virus restrictions. But we are getting the job done, little by little. Huddling over 40 people into their small home would be dangerous if authorities were to ever find us doing so. The good news is that we are making do with the little that we do have! And as more families have moved into the community, the number of people at these services has grown. Now, there is a greater mixture of professing believers and unbelievers (who show little interest in God or the Bible) which have been added to these meetings. This has given us as believers more opportunities to share about the eternal life available in Jesus Christ, and we have had moments to tell of all the change God does within us as Christians! Cabécar leaders have been sharing of how they view Bible verses as “beautiful”! At a recent service, a woman quickly spoke up and said, “the New Testament began in history after Jesus came to earth”! After asking her if she spent a lot of time studying the Bible, she commented, “Yes.” On another occasion, one man said to those of his family, “Let’s come to our church services for the right reasons, to hear from God through the Bible, and not come to get things like food or anything else.” What a joy it is to see these families walking and learning in the way, the truth, and the life of the Lord!



**Newly constructed bamboo Cabécar Home**





Through these times of virus restrictions, we have been able to finish our series of teachings on handling, understanding, and desiring our lives to be guided by God's Spirit, instead of by the works of the flesh. Also, we finished up a discipleship program with teachings on the basic essential parts of the Christian life and spiritual growth, such as salvation, baptism, prayer, reading/studying the Bible, sanctification, family, money and giving, and witnessing and winning souls for Jesus Christ.

Now, we have begun a study of Bible prophecy, starting from Genesis and finishing in Revelation. Would you agree that wherever you go and whoever you talk to, haven't you found that nearly every person show great interest in prophecy and end-times teachings found in God's Word? This is exactly why we decided to begin this study—because they requested it. This series of studies will answer questions like: "How did God use the Old Testament saints and prophets to carry down the promise of salvation through Jesus our Savior to us in the Church Age?" and, "What prophecies from God's Word have been fulfilled, what is happening in the present, and what prophecies have yet to come to pass?" Our goal in this study will be to show how God has carried the promise of salvation from beginning to end and how He died on the cross and resurrected as our Savior! As we share these truths, we will be explaining where and how we fit in this picture as non-Jewish people. Just think of the long history of God foretelling of this promise of eternal life and it being carried all the way to us who now live in the church age! How amazing and fascinating these topics are —and the Cabécar believe so too!

### ***ATV TRAINING FOR MINISTRY***

Just after we had a storage shed built for our ATV and then purchased it for the ministry, the virus put a pause on our ATV ministry and travel. Here in Costa Rica, much like the U.S. the every day working person's business was put on hold for some time, which has put a damper on our ability to get the few remaining items (helmets for our children and loading and transport ramps) that we need before we can use our ATV in the ministry. The restrictions have also kept us from visiting homes for Bible studies. But as these restrictions lift more and more, God willing, we will soon be able to purchase these last needed items. This will also allow for us to visit homes and locations as we did before. We and our ATV will be ready for the work! Until then, we continue to train and ready ourselves for the rocky and mountainous paths of this work ahead of us!

### ***POSSIBLE VISIT TO THE U.S. IN THE NEAR FUTURE***

When we visited the U.S. this past December for two weeks, we could not have entered back into Costa Rica without buying plane tickets for a future return to the U.S. For over three years now, we have been working on becoming residents in Costa Rica, and we are still awaiting this process to be completed. In short, many tasks are challenging for us in our mountain town, and because we live in a third world country, the residency process has not been a quick or easy task. Because we are not full residents yet, we are considered visitors with legal rights to reside here. If any American citizen leaves Costa Rica at this time, they cannot enter back into the country due to travel restrictions from the virus. Costa Rica is allowing for a list of countries to enter now, but the United States is not yet on the list. With that being said, our planned visit to Florida in August looks like it will be postponed, and until when, we are not sure.

### ***ASKING THAT GOD WILL CONTINUE TO DO MORE AND MORE!***

In many ways, we feel very much restrained from doing more in our ministry work because of the virus restrictions. But we aren't the only ones enduring through this difficult period of time, right? We certainly are all in this together! Though our children still cannot get out of their car seats while we serve, and schools are still closed (not knowing when they will reopen), and though we have had to turn down an Cabécar Indian leader's request to ride in our vehicle to minister with us to people in another area than his own—should any of this bring us down? Certainly not! In time, our God will make a way for us all to succeed for Him, as we wait upon Him!

Because even while we are experiencing set backs like these, the work continues! We are still able to celebrate birthdays with Cabécar families! We are able to have Cabécar boys and girls sit in the bed of our truck, and spend time peering their heads into the windows of our truck, where our children are watching videos. We are continuing to learn the Cabécar language, having conversations, and sharing our life stories with each other. We also keep working to build churches among these families and areas we are reaching! We continue to share the offer of eternal life through Jesus Christ with those who have not yet been saved by Him! And over the past two months, families that we teach and disciple tell us that they are thankful for all the new truths they have learned about God our Savior and about the Bible. They told us that in the past, when people read the Bible or taught it, they would listen to long chapters, and large amounts of reading, but without anyone taking time to clearly explain verse by verse, and topic by topic of what is written in God's Word. Then they commented to us saying, "Now, we understand why you all teach in this way, because this has shown us so much more of how God's Word can be used in our every day life!"

Your prayers are greatly needed for each of these areas and families we visit, and for every complication we and the Cabécars are experiencing because of the virus. These families request peace, health, and help for their homes. One family clan has asked for prayer for two family members that are pregnant and expect their babies to be born in the months to come. Thank you again for investing your prayers and financial giving into the work that God is doing within this mission! We hope to see all of you in the near future!

*Every Blessing,*

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April – May 2020

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— JEREMIAH 32:17

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# ***BASHKINA BENA!?* — *HOW ARE YOU ALL!?***

(In the Cabécar language)

## **God is Bringing Relief!**

**L**ife has certainly changed drastically for each of you in the U.S. Life has also changed for us and the Cabécars Indians as well. Indian communities are suffering because the work force has been limited to less than half capacity. Many of the goods that Cabécars sell, buyers are no longer making the drive to obtain them. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Costa Rican government have been making air drops of large quantities of food into certain Indian communities. And at the moment, not every Cabécar community is being helped in this fashion.

Like the United States, we too are under restrictions here in our mountain town of Tuis, Costa Rica. On Sundays and Mondays, we have a restriction on our license plate which prohibits us from being able to drive our vehicle. On Saturdays, we are only allowed to visit the grocery store or pharmacy. Gathering into groups has been forbidden since March. And with small pavilions and homes as our only places to gather for worship and services, restrictions have kept us from meeting together as normal. Even with these restrictions being enforced, our life and ministry work is slowly returning to the way it once was. But for the time being we all are being forced to “make the most of the circumstances of which we are being dealt.”

Daily we tune into the news, and we see and hear of all that is happening there in the U.S. Our hearts are broken for all the loss that has come into lives and businesses because of this disease and unseen enemy. Yet, it is noteworthy to remember that God is gracious and has a long history of restoring good to the unsaved world and especially to those that love Him! Though our lives and work seem to be turned upside down at the moment, would you agree that God is certainly at work in turning this world around and onto its feet once again?

## **Still Able to Share and Train**

ON THE ROAD IN ATIRRO

**M**uch has changed also concerning our services with the Cabécar Indian families in the Atirro area. No longer are we able to gather into their homes to have services, but we are now gathering outside along their muddy road. This has been challenging because we are now in rainy season. Our teaching has to be short and many times spoken while rain is falling on us and our Bibles.

These changes have not stopped our work of teaching at these services. We have been teaching about the use of the “armor of God” in Ephesians, and of walking in the “Spirit of God” and not in the flesh, as seen in Galatians. These changes have also not stopped the Holy Spirit from using God’s word to influence the lives of these families. Women are seen leaving our services with Scriptures references written in marker on their arm. Young boys have spoken up saying they know that God used Moses to write the first five books of the Bible! And young boys chime in with answers to our questions of what we are to wear over our hearts, saying, “The shield of faith!”

One Cabécar man continues to lead by reading the Bible in Cabécar and translating the message into the Cabécar language for us at these services. He is also willing and ready to join us in the ministry and travel with us to other areas to evangelize with the Gospel and teach the Bible! He has told us that his wife’s family is located in the Moravia area which we regularly visit for ministry and Bible study gatherings. Additionally, he mentioned that his wife’s family are unsaved and that he desires to lead them to Christ and to join our services in this area! Please continue to pray with us that these plans and desires will continue in the hearts and lives of these women, men, boys, and girls. They are constantly asking for our prayers each time we meet together.

## **Still Able to Serve**

THE INDIAN COMMUNITY OF NIMARI

**A**mid restrictions due to the virus, we have continued to keep in contact with the Nimari Cabécar community. They expressed to us that a large portion of the people were without work. As a result of this lack of work, many families have been in need, and they could use any form of help that we or others could provide to them. Though we could not go all the way across the bridge into to the center of their community as we normally do, we were able to drive and deliver around 60 bags of basic food items for 60 Cabécar families in need, and give to each of them John 3:16 in written form in Spanish and Cabécar.



**Cabécar in Nimari receiving food**



**Cabécar man in training for ministry**



**Cabécar family members  
fellowshipping after the message**



Just before we passed these food items out to them, they approached us with handshakes, and we didn't turn away any of them away, nor did we reject giving them any hugs. We thank you for your continued faithful giving to our Lord and His work that He has called us to among the Cabécar! We couldn't have accomplished this work without God providing for these needs through your monthly giving and special offerings!

Normally we visit the Nimari community each month to teach the Bible and connect with several Cabécar families. But at the beginning of April and throughout much of May, restrictions were issued, and so we were kept from visiting the Nimari community and the Moravia area as we regularly do. It was decided by the Cabécar committee of Nimari that we should not yet return to our regular visits at the community pavilion until mandates allow us to gather together. The challenge was this: to manage over fifty people gathering together under a small pavilion (when rainy season is here) and to abide by mandated guidelines which was difficult to do safely or lawfully. So we were forced to postpone our visits to this area during April and much of May.

Restrictions are beginning to lift in small ways, which will allow for us to soon make another visit to the Nimari area! The leaders that we have spoken with are ready and planning for us to return to gathering together for teaching and fellowship as before. When this does happen, everything will be done outside under a pavilion, keeping social distance as much as possible. But our next visit will have to be a small one, and most likely we will not gather together for our normal services, but minister in a different way. This is certainly not what we want and nor is this what the Cabécar Indians want, but this is what is mandated for the time being. We have been asked by a few leaders to trek with them to take a look at a small bridge that they plan to protect with paint. Months ago, they requested this paint from us to be used on the primary bridge leading into their community, but they now desire to use the paint for another bridge which is used most often and is in more urgent need of paint. And because of your faithful gifts and monthly support, we together were able to provide the paint for this purpose!



Nimari Cabécar waiting for bags of food



Passing out the bags of food in Nimari

**With God We Can And Will**

MOVE FORWARD!

Our children, Justice and Verity, continually say to us, "We want to see and play with the Cabécar boys and girls." They want to go into the grocery stores as a family, but we are forbidden. We can see that they are tired of staying in the truck when we make visits anywhere and to do ministry with the Indians. They desperately want life to go back to normal, just as the Cabécar do, and just as every one of us do. Just as jumping on a trampoline and playing with playdough are fun for awhile, they can never replace and fill their desires to spend time with their Cabécar friends! Similarly, eating snacks and watching television may satisfy for a moment, but they cannot replace our spirit to work and live for the glory of God!

For most of us, this was the first time we could not celebrate Easter by gathering together at our normal meeting places for worship. Today, America and Costa Rica are slowly but surely able to meet together for services again to worship our Savior Jesus Christ! Praise goes to our God who is at work and fighting for us every day! Our services with the Cabécars may soon return to normal for us, but with such small pavilions and homes as our places to gather, we will most likely have great challenges ahead. Pray with us that God will intervene concerning our needs in this area of ministry.

For many of us, finances have changed for the worst during these past few months. Our hearts and prayers go out to those of you who are going through these trying times. We are praying specifically for a swift recovery from these devastating situations. We too want to continue in our work and move forward in the ministry among the Cabécar Indians here in the jungles of Costa Rica. None of this is possible without partners giving and supporting this work prayerfully and financially as you do!

Thank you so very much for every gift that you have given to help continue the work of the Gospel to the Cabécar in the mountains here in Costa Rica! Thank you for all the hard work you do there in the United States of America! It is our privilege to be missionaries here to the Cabécar in planting churches, training leaders for the ministry, teaching the Bible to the saved, and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost souls! We constantly thank God for giving us such great partners like you to help us carry out this work!



Preparing the bags of food for Cabécar



Our children playing at Atirro ministry

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## Wekte!

— which means “Thank you” in the Cabécar language. We would like to say “Thank you” for your faithful financial support and prayers which you give each month to our family and to this ministry!

Please know this . . . our heart, and our continuous thoughts and prayers are with all of you back home in the U.S. We know you are going through such a turbulent time with the outbreak of the Coronavirus/Covid-19. We are praying heavily that our good God will heal our lands quickly! Please let us know how we can be personally praying for you.

You may already know this, but all Americans have been told that if they are living abroad, they should return to the U.S. now due to the virus. But our resolve is to stay here and weather the storm. That we know of, no one has contracted the virus anywhere close to our area here in Costa Rica. Because we are so far out from any big cities, and in mountainous areas, we are at a low risk for an outbreak. Our pantry and two refrigerators are stocked up with what we need for a month or so. Small grocery stores in our area have their shelves fully stocked. Though our family and our ministry over the past few weeks has also been experiencing uncertainty from the pandemic created by the virus, our family will not be returning to the U.S. Our ministry-home and our heart is here in Costa Rica with the Cabécar Indians.



## Yet God Never Stops Working

God has continued to use your giving during the months of February and March to grow the work of the Gospel among the Cabécar Indians in these ways:

- ▶ Preaching the Gospel and teaching the Bible regularly at our Outreach events with Cabécar families— **Change is happening!**
- ▶ Biblically teaching and equipping Cabécar leaders so they can evangelize, teach, and pastor their own people— **Leaders are rising up!**
- ▶ Visiting Cabécar homes and schools to share the Bible and the offer of eternal life through our Savior Jesus Christ— **Adults and children are getting saved and growing!**
- ▶ Leading people to make decisions to receive eternal life from our Savior Jesus Christ— **Lost souls being found in the Lord!**
- ▶ Teaching and training our children to follow the Lord with their lives and take part with us in the work of this mission to the Cabécar Indians — **Our children are being prepared and trained!**

Month by month, these have been the tasks set before us. This is the work we love doing! God has continued to give us these opportunities, being 'about His business' in the rainforests with Cabécar families. We firmly believe that both for us and for you and for all of God's children:

*“The best has yet to come!”*

## Decisions & Willingness For Jesus

AT OUTREACH TEACHING SERVICES IN THE JUNGLES OF MORAVIA DE CHIRRIPO AND NIMARI

**A**t our last two visits to the Moravia area, after sharing about being eternally secure in Jesus Christ and teaching also of His sacrifice to take away our sin, we saw several decisions made to receive Christ as Savior! During our visit to the Nimari area, we also saw many make decisions to receive salvation! Praise the Lord! In both of these areas, several people continue to receive a Bible (in their own Cabécar language and in the Spanish language) for the first time in their life! This causes our stock of Bibles to deplete rather quickly.

The Cabécar in all three of the areas we minister in have a few similarities to one another. The majority who attend our services are intent to listen, and they desire to hear what God has to say to them from the Bible. Something else that the people in each of these areas have in common is their potential to have a compassionate and caring spirit. But this is only seen after you have spent much one-on-one time with them.

While there are similarities, there are also noticeable differences between our small house church (in the Atirro location) and these other two locations. There is the difference of the mood of the people in each area. Some greet you with a mood of confidence, maybe with a hug, and even with tears in their eyes. While others seem afraid to approach you or afraid to express care for you. After time attending these meetings, we see people who once brought a face of hopelessness, now carrying with them a face of joy and appreciation! There is also a difference in the methods of the services. What do we mean by this? Both in Nimari and in Moravia, people are not yet interested in bringing their Bibles to the meetings or following along with a written outline of what is being taught. In Moravia and in Nimari we gather together under a pavilion like structure, but in Atirro we gather into a Cabécar family home. Our children enjoy playing in the mud there, and with the Cabécar boys and girls!

At the start of each of these services, we greet them with saying, **“Bashkina bëna!”** — Meaning, “Hello everyone!” Our concluding encouragements to the people in recent months have been: “Invite your family and friends to join us at these services”, “Bring your Bible”, and “With God we need not fear death nor diseases.” At our most recent visit to the Nimari community, mainly children attended, because their school was cancelled, and because adults did not want to gather together in fear of the virus (even though we were all in an open air pavilion and all kept our distance). We focused on ministering to the children that day by showing a Bible story (David and Goliath), asking questions, and sharing a devotional with them about trusting God and having His love to calm our fears. This meeting was before the mandate was issued to not gather together in large groups.

We recently found out that in 2010, H1N1 found its way into the Cabécar indigenous communities and caused numerous deaths. The last thing we want is to be the cause of another outbreak, and in result, hating a neighbor instead of “loving our neighbor.” We trust that everyone understands this, and that this measure will soon come to pass in our world. Please pray that this virus will not infect these Cabécar areas, and please continue to pray for the spiritual well-being of all of the Cabécar Indians.





# **God Builds, Advances & Transforms**

AT CHURCH SERVICES IN THE MOUNTAINS OF ATIRRO

**E**ach Sunday you can find our family gathering together as a church in a small home, located up a narrow, one-laned, rocky mountain/jungle road. The few families we meet with are no longer acquaintances, nor are their names unknown to us. They have become family to us as much as we are family to them!

Each service begins with the men, women, and children gathering together for a meal and to spend time learning history from Bible stories (shown on our iPad). These animated films always help teach a practical application from the Bible to help them use in their lives. The children and adults greet us with hugs and farewell us with handshakes and hugs. Sadly, because of the pandemic, we have been forced to stop our services, due to the mandate given to not gather together in large groups. At our most recent visit, we had to greet people with our elbows! We all gathered outside of the Cabécar home on the road, in the rain, and provided them a meal. We shared a few passages of encouragement from the Scriptures, which highlighted God's way to combat fear in times of trouble (2nd Timothy 1:7 and Psalm 46:1). We also had a time of prayer with them. Though we were able to have somewhat of a service on this day, our visits to the children's school have been cancelled until further notice, because all schools here have been shut down at this time.

Yet, before the effects of the virus began, we have seen God using His word in several powerful ways. Over the past year, you may know that we have spent extensive time teaching a discipleship program at these services. This weekly training has influenced two of the Cabécar leaders in our Atirro ministry, who now explain and interpret in their own Cabécar language what has been read and taught by us from the Bible. As God has been teaching these men and women His truths in the Scriptures, they are also sharing with us of the change God is doing in their lives. They tell us of the vices that have been conquered (drunkenness, harmful friends, and sinful choices of all sorts). They tell us of the freedom they have from sin in their life!

After sharing about tithing with the church, these believers have decided that they will begin taking up an offering of tithe at each service! Can you believe this? And we never even commanded them to do this. We only taught a lesson from the Bible, sharing verses in the Bible on the subject of tithe, and this is what happened! Leaders are now in the process of being trained, and they are making plans to join our work of evangelizing the lost and teaching believers and unbelievers! Training leaders and planting churches was the plan that God gave to us from the start of our work here with the Cabécar Indians, and we are seeing God's plan come together! Yes, there have been some set-backs to our work along the way, but there are victories for all of us right now. There are even more victories to come for those who work for Lord and wait on the Him, right!? Amen.

Would you please pray for continued faithfulness and commitment among these Cabécar families? And would you pray for spiritual and physical protection over the church and its leadership? Thank you in advance for caring and for praying for these requests!

## **Ready To Go!**

**T**here are an estimated twenty thousand Cabécar Indians that are living, not in villages, but living on their properties scattered throughout the mountainous rainforest areas of Chirripo, Talamanca, and other regions of Costa Rica. The area of Moravia de Chirripo is where we first began this mission. After more than two years of work, we have found that there is a tremendous need not just in this area, but in countless other areas within this vast mountain range known as Chirripo/Talamanca. This has compelled us to say, **"We cannot stop and have not stopped at Moravia. We must go everywhere that God will allow for us to go!"**

More and more Cabécar men, women, and children who we have never met before are attending our monthly and weekly services in all three areas. More Cabécar men are taking part in reading the Bible and speaking at these services. More opportunities arise for us to learn their language and connect to them and the lives they live. More women are making bracelets and bags and are receiving in return needed food items for their family. We are being asked more and more by the Cabécars to begin new churches hours and hours deep into the jungle.

In time, we do believe we can make this happen, with the use of our ATV. And in the near future, we expect this to impact and progress our work to new levels in the ministry. Though at the moment, life seems to be put on hold a bit, and we cannot do and accomplish everything we would like to, we know that a God is in control. Just as soon as these mandates are lifted and curfews cease, we trust that we can begin where we left off with reaching new people and new areas with our ATV.

The Cabécar are why God has called us to live and serve here. Our home is here in the mountains right near to them. God willing and with your faithful support each month, we will not stop, we will continue to go. Since God does not stop His mission, we pray that none of you will either.

*Every Blessing,*

— **The Hutton Family** (Quintin & Melanie, Justice, and Verity)

**"I HAVE SET THE LORD ALWAYS BEFORE ME:  
BECAUSE HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, I SHALL NOT BE MOVED."**

— **PSALMS 16:8**





# Hutton Family Mission Update

December 2019 – January 2020

## BELOW IS OUR MONTHLY UPDATE AND PRAYER LETTER

*Thank you for your partnership with us in  
reaching the Cabécar Indians for  
Jesus Christ!*

*Thank you for your love, support and  
prayers over us and this ministry!*

**"THE THINGS WHICH ARE IMPOSSIBLE  
WITH MEN ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD."  
LUKE 18:27**



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Bradenton, FL

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



## **SEVERAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AMONG INDIAN FAMILIES**

This past December marks the second year our family has had Christmas parties celebrating Christ's birth in the mountainous jungles with many Cabécar Indian families. Thank you— to those of you who gave special offerings to supply what was needed at each of these Christmas events. Because of your faithful seasonal giving, we were able to celebrate with children at two Cabécar schools, and also with children and adults at three major Cabécar church gathering events in the three different areas that we minister in on a regular basis. Last year's celebrations (in the Nimari, Moravia, and Atirro locations) were much like this year's celebrations, both full of children, gifts, food, candy, and sharing Jesus. We shared how He was born into this world and offered eternal life through His death, burial, and resurrection as a lasting gift for us to receive— thus giving us all a reason for celebrating Him! As we presented the offer of the Gospel of Jesus Christ at each of these events, the seed of the Gospel was planted in the hearts of the Cabécar that attended! Christ has been the center of this ministry and of our Christmas celebrations, and He will always continue to be the main focus of our ministry! Lord-willing, we will always spend our Christmas season in such a way; with smiling Cabécar children and thankful families. We praise the Lord for the work He is doing here!



## **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS VISIT TO AMERICA!**

A two-week visit back to the States during the Christmas and New Year holidays kept us busy. God gave us two opportunities to share about our ministry. We were able to share at our home church Woodland Baptist Community Church, and in a Sunday school class at First Baptist of Dover, in the Tampa, Florida area. Our children were able to spend time with their grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. We were also able to spend a few days at the beach enjoying the sand and some swimming (of which our children do not get to do here in the mountains of Costa Rica). Though our children enjoyed being with family and being in the churches in America, they talked much about the ministry back home with the Cabécar Indians. Allow us to give you a picture of how much this ministry means to our children. Our children were with us at each of these Christmas celebrations as we presented gifts to children and hung piñatas full of candy. What they saw us doing with gifts and piñatas, they too began doing back at our home and continued this while we visited the U.S. — pulling out toys and laying them in order on the couch, saying, "These are toys for the boys and girls!"; and finding a toy that they called— "a piñata for the boys and girls!" They get so excited to go and see "the Cabécar boys and girls at church." When we arrived at our home here in Tuis, Costa Rica, they were happy to be home. We were all happy to be back where God has called us to serve in the ministry. What a true saying to be remembered:

*"Home is where the heart is."*



## **AND NOW THE WORK CONTINUES IN THE NEW YEAR!**

### *IN THE ATIRRO LOCATION*

Our return home to Costa Rica began with us continuing our visits each Saturday to a Cabécar home where we have church services. We teach God's Word and have a time of worship/singing, prayer, and fellowship. The Cabécar family clan whose home we work out of told us, "We missed you all. We were sad, but now that you are back, and we are happy." They also commented, "While you were gone, we continued each Saturday with showing a Bible story to the children and reading a Scripture passage together." This news brought smiles to our faces!



In recent months, the topic of Bible teaching at this Atirro Cabécar house has been centered on the home, family, marriage, parenting, and children. As we have continued our discipleship to this Cabécar family clan and other Cabécar friends of theirs, the children and adults are very involved in searching the Scriptures with us to find the answers of how God wants us to be followers of Him. When questions are asked, answers are given by both children and adults. Additionally, couples in this Cabécar family clan have expressed their desire to be legally married. These Cabécar house church gatherings have grown to such a large number (25-30, and often times more) within this small home that many of us cannot find a place to sit. Please continue to pray for this family clan's spiritual growth and physical health (they ask this from us each week). Would you especially pray for



a young Cabécar man who has asked for our prayers? He shared with us that he is battling with temptations that are influencing him to go after the world instead of going after God. You can see it in his face that he is very discouraged, but he desperately wants victory in many areas within his Christian life!



## *THEN IN THE MORAVIA LOCATION*

Nearly every time we begin serving food (such as hot dogs or rice and beans) at each of our Cabécar ministry events, our children ask if they can help give out this food. Even with the few spills they have had with carrying drinks to boys and girls at these gatherings, they are becoming great servants of the Lord and His work. Recently at a Cabécar service in the Moravia area, our children served food and drinks with ease. Even though our children misbehave at times, you rarely ever see the Cabécar children having temper tantrums or being unattentive. The Cabécar children in Moravia (and in other areas of our ministry) are well behaved and are attentive when we speak from the Bible!

After sharing the Gospel at this most recent Cabécar gathering in Moravia, several decisions were made to receive Jesus Christ as Savior! Praise the Lord!!! And another handful of Bibles were handed out, both in their Cabécar language and in Spanish. There were more Cabécar that wanted a Bible, but we had not brought enough Bibles with us. We promised to bring more Bibles for them for the next gathering.

As we have said before, Cabécar are a somewhat nomadic people. Though they have a permanent home, they are constantly on the move to a different home in some other area. Much of their work is spent in fields cutting down caña (sugar cane), picking café (coffee), and other various crops. From season to season, they move to the areas where work is found. At other times, many are forced to make a move because of changes to their family life. We have witnessed this many times over in the Moravia area and in the other areas we minister.

If only you could be with us when we make our visits to these areas of ministry within the jungle (as some of you have). You would see such beauty while making the drive, and feel every rock and pothole along the mountainous dirt roads. Praise and thanks to God for a reliable vehicle! You would more than likely be full of excitement in being able to participate with us in serving God, while loving on the Cabécar people and sharing Jesus with them! You would probably feel a bit nervous and tired, after having spent more than an hour of driving on slender and dangerous roads, plus several more hours of walking the mountains to meet these people for ministry, and then spending a couple more hours carrying out Bible teaching and serving food.

People have joined us in this work, and they have been a mighty help with accomplishing what we do at our ministry visits and events! Please continue to pray, as we do, that more help and leadership would rise up within the Cabécar people and join with us to help in this ministry! This is never a burden to us and our children, but it always a joy to us— and this is what we love doing!

### **WE ALWAYS NEED YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS**

With so much work in the ministry, we need your prayers for our spiritual and physical life.

And as this ministry continues to grow, financial needs keep arising. Listed below are some tangible needs we are praying will be provided.

Would you consider financially supporting these needs?

#### ● HELMETS AND LOADING RAMP FOR ATV'S—

We continue to train using the ATV (that was provided for us) to drive into the jungles to carry out our work. Just a few more items are needed before we can begin our ATV use within the ministry. We need helmets for both of our children. Also, loading and transporting ramps are needed in order to transport our ATV in our truck, to get us as near as we can to the trails that we visit the Cabécar. We estimate this need in the amount of: \$600.

#### ● BUILDING PROJECTS—

In the Atirro area, we have an opportunity to use a building free of charge to hold church services for the Cabécar. The building is located on the same property of the school we minister to in that area. This building needs various repairs such as: the roof, lighting, and other materials to make the building secure and safe. If you are interested in giving to this specific need, we will soon give updates with a specific quote for these repairs.

#### ● GROWTH IN OUR MONTHLY SUPPORT—

We estimate this need of raising our monthly support to be about \$1000 to help with the growth of the ministry work we are doing here with the Cabécar Indians. This would be specifically devoted to ministry needs such as: Bracelet and Bags Ministry, food/fellowship needs, traveling needs, Bibles, tracts, Biblical literature, office supplies, etc.

Thank you for continuing to follow our ministry by reading our update letters via email, Facebook, or post mail. If you have any comments, concerns, or any responses you would like to share with us, or maybe you would like us to pray for you, please write us and let us know! Thank you for praying for us and our work with the Cabécar Indians! And thank you for continuing to faithfully support us and this ministry! We cannot support ourselves or do this on our own.

We thank God that He uses each of you as partners to support this work of the ministry for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

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