

The Bickel Family

Church Planting in Costa Rica

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Praise God for the Privilege to Serve Him!



The amount of people coming to services at our house has grown steadily. Since the families are spread out maintaining the coffee plantations during the off season we have tried to bring in the more remote families for church in our 12 passenger van. When we got to Mother's day (August 15th) I picked up 72 people for church! Needless to say, we started late.

The very next week we received a great blessing. The owner of the local school bus company is a Christian and she now donates the use of the bus and fuel every Sunday to pick up and drop off people for church!! We only have to pay the driver!



We have been blessed for many years with BEAMS Bibles. I have distributed them to ministries all over Costa Rica. Now that we are working with the Ngäbe people it has been an even greater blessing as they have been saved to be able to put the Word of God in their hands.

The four Ngäbe children that have been with us from the beginning of the year were returned to their mother. She lived in our refuge house for a month until she found a place of her own. During this time she also received Christ as her saviour and now they are all faithful to church.



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We also had the joy of seeing the mother of the family who helped us get started here in Los Santos get saved. She has told us for quite some time that she didn't understand every time we witnessed to her. Recently a Ngäbe pastor came from Panama and gave her the Gospel again in Ngäbere. She told him that she couldn't read so it was impossible for her to understand what was written in the Bible. Praise God she was able to overcome that obstacle and got saved!!

We had the privilege of receiving a visit from Ngäbe pastor Javier Santos. We started planning for the upcoming coffee harvest in December. This is an awesome evangelistic

opportunity since thousands of Ngäbe come from the reservation to our area for three months to pick coffee. We started our feeding ministry during the last harvest and only improvising we fed about 100 children one to two times a week. The response from their families was overwhelming. At first they would have nothing to do with us but after seeing us feed their children every week they opened up to both us and the Gospel.



This year we want to feed between 200 and 500 children three to five times a week. Each time the children receive a Bible lesson and there is a preaching service for the adults. This increase would allow us to reach hundreds more Ngäbe during the harvest as well as send the Gospel back into the most remote parts of the reservation.

So, what's it going to cost? **\$17 a month per child**. These children are accustomed to eating only one time a day. If we can give them a good meal for that one time it will be a great help to them physically. But it also opens the door for us to give their entire family the Gospel which will have an **Eternal** impact on their lives!

Please pray about what God would have you do to be a part of feeding these children and reaching their families for Christ!



Your servant in Costa Rica,