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Dear friends,

Meet Mr. Speckles the boss rooster of the property in Costa Rica. We got a few chickens to keep the bugs and some snakes away and provide us with eggs. I'm considering charging him with domestic violence for the way he treats the hens, but then as a feathered felon he could not vote nor keep his spurs as weapons. Watch out, Mr. Speckles, my wife Jane makes the best homemade chicken soup in the world!



Mr. Speckles

Iglesia Bautista Victoria (Victory Baptist Church)—the Spanish church in Atenas, Costa Rica, is flourishing. Missionary Pastor Rick Dove is doing a wonderful job pastoring the church. We think we have enough chairs, and then two or three weeks later we have to buy more! Lives and families are

being changed! Two believers were ready for the first baptism service of Iglesia Bautista Victoria Atenas. As you may recall, we have converted a horse barn into a church, and we are not in debt. The horses were never a problem because we never had any. I'd rather ride my 125 CC Suzuki motorcycle any day. A horse doesn't get 90 miles to the gallon. And Mr. Speckles the rooster is not boss on Sunday! He stays in his coop.

Good News! The funds for the \$9,000 crankshaft problem for the plane used to reach the Cabécar Indians have been provided! The Lord knows who the donors are. We count our blessings and move forward to reach those in need of the Gospel. We missionaries are just blessed to be able to facilitate your gifts. And the natives sometimes ask, "Where do you get all the money to bring this airplane to us?" "Well," I say, "it comes from the hand of God through His people." "We haven't seen the hand of God," they say. "Well," I say, "the Bible says no man has seen God at any time." Teaching them to observe all things can be a challenge we take for granted.



Adolfo baptized by Missionary Rick Dove

Once the plane is put back into the air, Eduardo Solano, our Costa Rican pilot, will use it to carry American and local Costa Rican National missionaries to the Cabécar. There is also a couple translating the Bible into the Cabécar language. As you can guess, this is very tedious work. Air support is needed for the long haul here. I understand there may be someone in Costa Rica who for \$2,000 will build a runway in the jungle for us. This would probably not even pay for the fuel for the caterpillar he plans to use. I have further checking and verification to do. It's amazing what a little bit of diesel fuel will do!

Prayer requests:

1. That we will be able to sell all or most of our valuable junk in Alaska so we will have more funds for the Cabécar Indian ministry. We are in Alaska right now.
2. For a missionary pilot for Alaska. The pilot I had mentored for Alaska was in Alaska for several years but has now left the state. The pilot would need to bring a Cessna T206 with him if possible.
3. We want to thank the ladies group in Montana who gave my wife \$300. Our old laptop computer went on the blink, and we didn't qualify for a free one from Uncle Sam so thanks.
4. For the growth of the new converts in Costa Rica and for a number of people we are witnessing to.
5. For wisdom in putting the plane engine together. Here is just a part of what has to be done:
 - A. Have a "hospital-clean" work area with no distractions.
 - B. Drain the oil. Remove propeller. Remove engine from the plane, bolt to engine stand.
 - C. Remove valve covers, rocker arms, pushrods and covers.
 - D. Remove cylinder base nuts and cylinders.
 - E. Remove wrist pins, pistons, connecting rods.
 - F. Remove magnetos, carburetor, all cables and wires, spark plugs and plug wires.
 - G. Split crankcase, remove bad crank shaft.
 - H. Get some coffee, say the prayer: "Lord you know what I need."
 - I. Read some out of the engine overhaul manual, The Drudge Report and the Bible for balance.
 - J. Go to bed. As an Airframe and Power Plant mechanic (A&P) for many years, I can promise you, I have spared you a much longer list of duties and procedures here.
 - K. And I'm sure the ladies that read about airplane engine overhaul and crankshaft replacements are thoroughly impressed! Actually, some folks from Florida will be assembling the engine who are well qualified, but they do need prayer for the job.

So the Spanish Church in Atenas is doing very well, the Cabécar Indians await the translation of the Bible to their language, and we all wait for the day we can wash our greasy hands and put on the white aviator's scarf and goggles. Missionary aviation will reduce seven days' walk to the Cabécars to 25 minutes.

"Lord, you know what I need."

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SOURDOUGH SAM SEZ:
"You can gain credit by giving it away."



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