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Dear friends,

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All is well that ends well. Sometimes we are not sure how things will end. We do know that things don't end up the way they start out most of the time.! Quite often we wait on direction from the Lord before we proceed. Sometimes we do not wait on anything we just proceed. I know missionaries around the globe, and five missionaries and their families here in Costa Rica have lost 40% of their support. Not enough dollars to get out of the country, too old to get a job in the states, and no help financially from anyone.

However, Quentin and Melanie Hutton are an energetic young couple who initially heard of the Cabecar Indians from Jane and me. They are now good friends with my rancher friend who built us a nice runway on his beautiful ranch, built a hanger for the plane, and gave us a nice former Catholic Church on his Ranch to use. The Huttons are now using this church building and are really making good progress in their ministry, at times having several hundred people in their services. They are reaching these Indians on the edge of their territory and using the donated church as a meeting place.

I still need a full-time pilot to come here, who plans to stay for about 25 years or more and to be sure "the laborers are few" indeed! I won't hold the plane for this ministry forever. I'm a realist and know that rust happens, and when rust happens, we will experience other consequences.

A work team from Indiana came recently and helped with maintenance on the property and the church. One thing they did was paint the metal roof on the church. They conducted a VBS for the children. They also brought me from the United States a master cylinder for the 2002 Suburban as well as a few other needful parts. I owe many of you a handwritten thank-you note, but the mail here is unreliable. Your gifts are all noted, and the Lord knows all about what we are doing together.



Former Catholic church at the ranch in Moravia de Chirripó .



Church now used for Cabecar ministry



Annual Inspection on airplane



Church youth activity in the vocational school building

It's not too expensive to fly to San Jose, Costa Rica, and come see us. Before you do this call 1- 336-844-4368 which is my cell phone that's in my pocket all the time if I'm in range of a tower. Otherwise, text me at 1 907-322-8807, and I'll call you when I get back from wherever.

Right now, I need two bus drivers in the church with appropriate licenses to drive the bus. "Rocky" is parked at the moment in the Vocational School. We are bringing some really poor people to the church services here with the 2002 Suburban that is able to go where the 30-passenger bus could not go.

Covid has done a lot of damage to the ministries all over. Five missionaries with a good start walked away from five ministries. Meanwhile, the Omicron variant of Covid is here in Costa Rica, and there are still a lot of government regulations on the churches, schools, stores, restaurants, and other places. We have limits on how many can attend, and if a health inspector shows up, everyone better be wearing a mask, or they can lock the church.

I am fully aware of all that is going on in Canada, the United States, and the rest of the world. At this moment, some of our Liberian pastors are being attacked by thugs with machetes. "The time is short!

Happy to be your representatives. Your prayers and gifts are greatly appreciated. We're staying even if we have to eat beans and rice or rice and beans!

Blessings,
Les and Jane Zerbe



"Rocky" the bus needs two qualified drivers from the church.



Discipling in our house



Youth camp at "Campo Zerbe"

Señor Sam Sez:
"Me and Biden are full of beans and hot air!"



Ladies retreat at "Campo Zerbe"



Alex Taylor, the church's first supported missionary to Panama for \$200 per month.



Our neighbor's pet longhorn used to pull his oxcart in parades

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