

THE SUDDETH FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

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A New Way to Receive Ministry Updates

As a reminder, we have started to use a communication platform called *Epistle*.

Through *Epistle* we post regular updates and prayer requests. You can choose to receive email updates on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis.

Therefore, we will also begin sending fewer emails through Constant Contact. If you have not already subscribed to *Epistle*, we would greatly appreciate it if you would take a moment to subscribe using the following link:

<https://the-suddeth-family.epistle.org/subscribe>

After subscribing, you will receive a confirmation email in which you will need to click “confirm email.” Thank you so much! By the way, once you subscribe, you can see our latest updates and prayer requests. 😊

César is a Great Blessing

You may remember that in July of this year the members of Iglesia Bautista de Costa Verde voted to call César Guerra as pastor of mobilization and missions. César has always been a blessing to our family. Now, we can joyfully say that he is a blessing to the brothers and sisters in Christ of IBCV. The people truly love him, and he loves them. Even more, he greatly loves the Lord.

As a missionary, César continues to take trips to the community of Jaque. Jaque is close to the border between Panamá and Colombia. The current focus of his missionary work in Jaque is to disciple and equip the Panamanian believers from the Embera people group, so that they can take the gospel to their own people in Colombia. (There is a large population of Embera in Colombia who have never heard the gospel.)

As a pastor, César is a great help to me (Clip). He is preaching about once a month, he is sharing the gospel, he is helping me develop life groups within our church, he is visiting members and counseling them, among other things.

César and I meet often. He recently talked to me about his desires for ministry focus in 2024. He wants to continue to equip people of our church to serve in the Wounaan community of San Antonio, he wants to involve people of our church in the work in Jaque, and he wants to equip people of our church to establish ministries on the university campuses in our area.



We praise the Lord for César, and we thank Him for bringing César to us. We are so grateful for a pastor who loves the Lord, loves others, and has a passion and a plan for sharing the gospel and making disciples of Jesus. Please continue praying for César.

The Search for a Property

As we are rapidly approaching the end of 2023, we felt that it would be good to give you an update concerning the purchase of a property. We currently have \$225,000 designated for the purchase of a property for ministry use, and we praise the Lord for His provision! Over the past several months, we have looked at different properties. We have seen some potentially good options, and we have also seen some not-so-good options.

There are three main issues that we are currently facing. First, finding a property that can be multi-functional for the ministries. Second, finding a trustworthy owner or developer with whom we can negotiate. Third, properties in our area are expensive.

We continue to pray daily for the Lord to provide. We continue to look for the right property. We continue to wait for the Lord, and we know that He will provide what is best in His timing. We do not want to make a quick, unwise purchase, but neither do we want to unnecessarily wait.

Would you please continue to pray with us about a property? Would you pray for wisdom to make the right decision, for God's provision of the property He wants for the ministries here, and for discernment in any negotiations?

We continue to be excited about what the Lord is doing here, and we continue to be excited about how He could use a property. Thank you for praying for us and with us concerning this matter.

We are grateful to each of you who pray for us and for each of you who financially support the ministry in Panamá. **It is truly an honor to partner with you in the gospel.**

In Christ,

Clip, Mary, and Isaac



Above: A sign over the highway as you enter into Costa Verde

Below: A project map for the development of Costa Verde

The area continues to rapidly grow, which means the need for biblical local churches also continues to rapidly grow.

