



People from the Ngäbe village of Trinchera have sent word that they want pastors to come and preach the gospel to them. Their village is about a two day hike into the mountains from where the road ends. They said that there are around 200 people in their area. This is an answer to **prayer!** We had asked everyone to pray for God to prepare the hearts of the people and now the people are coming to us asking for God's Word!

Rainy season can be a dangerous time to hike, so the native pastors counseled us to wait until the dry season to go. By then the rains have stopped, the ground dried up, and the footpaths are safer to navigate. The trip is being planned for April.

We plan to hike one day and stop to visit the church in Guayabal where we recently had a preaching trip. In Guayabal, we will preach a conference before continuing on to Trinchera. We intend to stay several days in Trinchera to preach and for evangelistic outreach. The whole trip will take approximately 10-14 days depending on weather, trail conditions, and the receptiveness of the people.

We had been praying for a 4x4 vehicle that we could use to drive to some villages in the comarca. God recently provided this for us through the generosity of Grace Gospel Church in WV. It is a 2004 diesel 4x4 Nissan Patrol. It is in great shape and we are eager to put it to use in the mountains soon. Thank you Pastor Benson and church family for your heart for missions! Check out **"Missions Beyond Aviation"** on Facebook to see a video of our new vehicle in action on the rough mountain roads.



Noah celebrated his 7th birthday on December 19th! We had friends over for a Mexican meal, Panamanian sweet bread, Costa Rican coffee, and Noah's favorite ice cream from our Italian friends.



Because of multiple Panamanian holidays over the last few months, the legal representative for the Civil Aviation Authority (AAC) has not been able to meet with us yet. However, our lawyer did find out more information on the possibility of a land concession for a plane hangar. Originally we had been told that the concession would be free. Now the AAC says they will charge us at least \$350 per month for the concession. That is only for the use of the land. We would still have to fund and build the hangar ourselves. At that rate, the

concession would be cost prohibitive. Another recent development is that our mayor does not want to give over control of the local runway to the federal government.

Things seem to constantly be changing and it is hard to get a definite answer that would allow us to move forward with our plans. To be clear, the airplane will still be coming down and ministering here in Panama. We just need to have a place to shelter it first. We are not sure of how things are going to turn out, but we know that God will make a way for us as He always does.