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# Letter Porras Family

Yorlery, Andy and Manuel



Proverbs 4:5 CEV

Be wise and learn good sense; remember my teachings and do what I say.

## *Bribri Indigenous Community in Cebror*

With great enthusiasm we have started the course in the indigenous community. We have about 25 students in different courses, such as baking, training Sunday school teachers, youth leadership, theological foundations, and sewing.

The students are enthusiastic and strive to participate in each course. Some travel from a long way away and even do it in the middle of the heavy rain, but they do not want to miss what we teach. We have students who do not know Christ and show their interest in the topics we share; others work with the church and every day they are like sponges, absorb what we teach and want more.

## *Facts of the community of Cebror*

- . The name Cebror in the Bribri language means valley of ferns.
- . Population of 190 inhabitants.
- . They speak Bribri and Spanish.
- . The religion is Animism, but there are currently a good number of evangelical Christians.
- . Source of income: they cultivate the land, produce pineapple, cassava and many other things.
- . They need: knowledge and tools to develop a source of income, biblical knowledge in the church, and more.



## *Youth Leadership Course*

The five students we have in this course are people who have taken a keen interest in the youth of the community.

The church of Cebror wants to offer the young people and leaders different opportunities on how to restore values, give more importance to their culture and above all to grow closer to Christ through tools and activities that attract the attention of the youth of that community.

## *Theological foundations*

The need to have a theological foundation is important to the vision of the church and its leaders.

We started with a course on discipleship and how to disciple. Among the ten students we have, some have never been discipled.

The oral and dynamic method of discipleship we offer allows the students to understand how to help a new believer get started when he comes to Christ. This creates a biblical basis for confronting the initial struggles in Christianity the come from the snares of the enemy.



## Pastry Course



In the baking course, one of the biblical texts we teach is *John 6:51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven; Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread I am going to give you is my flesh so that the world may have life.*

This text becomes symbolic when that bread comes out of the oven and each student tastes it and enjoys its flavor. The teachers, Yorleny, Sianeth and Denia take advantage to talk about what God wants to show each student through the death of Christ and eternal life and how He can transform their lives.

## Sunday School Teacher Course

In every indigenous community we find many children, and when we say many we mean many! The church in Cebor needs to incorporate a program for children that can offer the love of Christ through activities that teach the principles of God's word.

Through tools to make the word of God known to children, we have started with a group of five teachers who are pay close attention to what we are teaching.

Several of these students have their own work where they must meet their schedule. Despite that they walk long distances in the middle of rains to be in classes and enjoy what we are teaching. They have a great desire to learn.



## Prayer requests

1. That Christ would become Lord of this community.
2. For the physical health of the ministry team as they have been affected by a flu, and Yorleny's knee has been inflamed.
3. For God's provision for the courses as there are many students and the investment is great.

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