

CR4C

Costa Rica for Christ (a ministry of Joshua One Ministries)

CR4C'S FIRST EVANGELISM ADVENTURE TO THE CHIRRIPO VALLEY IN SOUTH COSTA RICA!

MARCH 20-27, 2012

Trip Prospectus: Version 1 (10/20/11)

In March 2012, a few of us associated with Joshua One Ministries will make an exciting journey to visit some very special friends of ours who live in the rainforest of southern Costa Rica.

Approximately 12,000 Native Americans of the Cabécares tribe live in the Chirripó Mountains of south CR. The Cabécar lifestyle is very primitive. They have had very little interaction with the "outside world." One Costa Rican newspaper has called the Cabécar the "hidden people."



A group of young pastors from the Chirripó mountains attending our 2009 Preaching and Teaching Convention in San José.

The Chirripó terrain is a rainforest. The economy is mostly self-subsistence and barter. Homes are grass huts in which people sleep on the ground. Polygamy is common. The language is Cabécar (Spanish is spoken by some but not all). The Cabécar people are mostly illiterate. As a matter of fact, the Cabécar had no written language until missionaries developed one for them in the 1970s.

Even in this remote place, the Lord is not without a witness. During our four previous visits to Costa Rica, we have formed friendships with some Cabécar Christians who have attended the annual Preaching and Teaching Convention we host each January in San José. We are

familiar with seven churches in the Chirripó Mountains which have a combined membership of about 300 believers.

Next March, a group of us will make our very first journey to the Cabécar reserve to fellowship with our Chirripó friends in their native setting. ***We are extremely excited about this remarkable opportunity.***

We are now forming our team for our March 2012 evangelism trip to the Chirripó Mountains. Do you want to join us?

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Tuesday to Tuesday. Travel from U.S. to CR on Tue. Travel to Chirripó Mountains on Wed. Ministry projects Thu-Sat. Preach, teach, worship on Sun. Return to San José on Mon. Return home on Tue. We are traveling in March to avoid the rainy season (May to November; annual rainfall: 100 inches).

THE JOURNEY

The journey to the Chirripó Mountains will be strenuous. ***Only those in top physical condition should consider joining us.*** There are three main legs of the trip:

- On Mar. 20, we fly from Oklahoma City to San José. We will spend the night in the capital city.
- The next morning we leave in rented vans for Quetzal, a small village south of San José, about a four-hour drive.
- From Quetzal, we hike on foot for about four hours into the Chirripó Mountains. On our backs we will carry our bed rolls, food and supplies for our four-night stay with the Cabécar brethren. We will sleep on the ground under open-air, thatched-roof structures called “ranchos.”



A Chirripó pastor baptizes a young disciple at our 2008 Preaching and Teaching Convention.

THE TEAM

- Rodrigo Rojas and Jovanny Baez will be the Costa Rican leaders of our team.

Rodrigo is senior evangelist of Costa Rica For Christ, a ministry of Joshua One Ministries. Rodrigo travels to the Chirripó region a couple of times a year to preach and encourage the churches there.

- Jovanny Baez is a pastor and evangelist in San José who makes frequent journeys to the Chirripó Mountains to minister to the Cabécar people.
- Terry Marsh is pastor of Carriage Hills Christian Church, Lawton, Okla., and a member of the Joshua One Ministries board of directors. Terry will lead our U.S. team. Terry has been a co-leader on previous Joshua One trips to Costa Rica in 2009-2011. Terry also leads wilderness trips here in the U.S.
- Terry Hull, director of Joshua One Ministries, will also make the journey.

We will limit the size of our U.S. team to about 10-12 people. We will give first priority to those who have traveled with us to CR before, but we are open to inquiries from anyone who believes the Lord is calling him or her to join us. As always, we are praying for God to put together just the right team.

PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP

The primary purpose of this trip is the same as every journey we make to a foreign country:
LOVING FELLOWSHIP with our Christian brothers and sisters in Costa Rica.

All mission work of Joshua One Ministries is based on a strong commitment to "The Native Evangelist Missions Strategy": the belief that one of the best ways for U.S. Christians to participate in global evangelism is by providing support and encouragement to the native Christians who are already present in a country. (<http://joshuaone.org/2007/the-native-evangelist-missions-strategy>). We want to communicate to our Chirripó brothers and sisters that we love them and are praying for them -- that we "may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith" (Rom 1:12).

While we are there, we will communicate our love in tangible ways, possibly including:

- **Preaching:** We especially look forward to worshipping with the Chirripó believers on Sunday and sharing God's Word with them and their neighbors.
- **Construction:** We are exploring the possibility of constructing a simple church building for one of the Chirripó congregations.
- **Health clinic:** If we have medical personnel on our team, we can meet a great need. The Chirripó people have no local access to modern medical personnel and facilities.

SCHEDULE

Here is a brief schedule of our trip:

- Tue Mar 20 Fly to San José, CR.
- Wed Mar 21 Drive/hike to the Chirripó mountains.
- Thu-Sat Mar 22-24 Visit the churches and the people.
Projects: construction, health clinics.
- Sun Mar 25 Preaching and worship in the Chirripó churches.
- Mon Mar 26 Return to San José.
- Tue Mar 27 Return to the U.S.

COST PER TEAM MEMBER

Many details have not been finalized, so the information below is very tentative:

100.00	Airfare deposit. We do not know which airline we will use or how much the deposit will actually be.
707.00	Airfare for our upcoming Jan 2012 trip is \$707. Our airfare will probably be about the same.
400.00	Hotel (\$35 x 2 nights in San José, double occupancy), restaurants (\$15 x 6 meals during 4 travel days), groceries (\$50 for 4 days), travel insurance (\$60), exit tax (\$26), van rental and gas (\$100).
<u>243.00</u>	Project expenses: construction, medical, gifts, etc.
\$1450.00	TOTAL COST

The above pays for *everything* you will *need* for your eight-day adventure in Costa Rica. You may want to

bring extra money for meals/snacks at airports, offerings, souvenirs, etc.

HOW DO YOU SIGN UP?

Please contact Terry Hull (terryhull@joshuaone.org) immediately if you have an interest in being part on this special evangelism trip. When you are confirmed for our team, a \$100 airfare deposit will hold your place.

PASSPORTS

You **MUST** have a valid passport to travel with us to C.R. If you need a new or renewed passport, please take care of that **immediately**. For more information: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html