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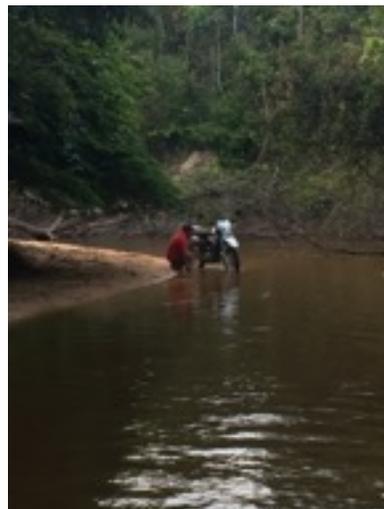
## Great participation in Guahíbo Seminar

The seminars among the Guahíbo tribes are growing. There were **15 different churches** that participated in the last seminar. People again **walked hours** to come to the meeting each morning (returning each night to their homes). The church building was full each day. What a thrill to impart Biblical knowledge and spiritual truths to hungry hearts!



## Travel

Travel into this area is precarious. The trails are swampy, covered in overgrowth, and then there are the rivers to cross. Motorcycle or walking are the only modes of transportation. We travel by motorcycles and cross the rivers via homemade canoes.



## Accident? or Incident?

*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28*

After completing the first seminar, while traveling to the next village for the second seminar (there were 3 meetings planned), God allowed an interruption. Russ suffered a motorcycle accident on the trail. He was thrown and the bike landed on his ankle breaking it. He was still an hour from the town, so another guy had to drive his bike with him as a passenger.

Three days later, he was able to get a flight out to Bogota and then on to Costa Rica. He received immediate medical treatment upon arrival to Costa Rica, but we had to wait 5 more days for surgery due to the inflammation and swelling. The surgery consisted of a plate with 7 screws and the repair of three ligaments.

We are confident that all is according to God's plan. Rehabilitation is slow, but he is progressing and will be back in the jungle as soon as God allows.



Russ couldn't walk on the broken ankle and there were no crutches to buy, so he constructed these "crutches" from PVC pipe. They worked well until he was able to buy new ones in Costa Rica.

**Iglesia Bautista Vida Nueva** continues with a wonderful spirit of worship. A new convert came for the first time last Sunday, is growing in the Lord, and is being disciplined by a member of the church. During this time of rehab, Russ is enjoying teaching and preaching at "home".



### Your Gift at Work

Thanks to all of you who are partnering with several indigenous tribes to provide meeting places in strategic locations for teaching seminars, worship services and evangelistic outreach.