

The Aché People

A Question of Power

In the early years of Aché exposure to Christianity, some well-meaning denominations introduced ideas about God's power and evil spirits in Spanish. As a result, some Aché Christians, who understand little Spanish, believe that any disease or problem in the community is the fault of a demon or of Satan himself.

The pastors who'd attended the recent workshop on John's Gospel agreed when Pastor Eliseo asked if project director Victor would teach pastors about the spiritual realm. They decided to invite the pastors from all six Aché communities to come and discuss how bad spirits work and how they influence believers and non-believers.

Eliseo told Victor, *"We know that bad spirits are ready to bother and possess us, but we don't know how to discern if a disease or bad behavior is from a demon or not. Now that we're going to have the four Gospels in Aché, we need you to explain to us clearly how Jesus dealt with the spiritual realm. We really want to know, because Aché children are often afraid of bad spirits. We must teach them plainly how things are."*

Victor was delighted with Eliseo's comments, because they revealed several things.

- Eliseo is sure the Gospels have the answers to his questions about how Jesus handled spirits.
- The pastors are questioning whether all bad things are caused by evil spirits.
- Eliseo has a deep confidence that the Aché Scriptures will offer clarity for pastors and leaders regarding the truth.
- The pastors realize their need for regular Bible study to know and experience God in a deeper way.
- They understand that they've been influenced by different missionaries and beliefs; now they want to be taught by the Bible itself.

Music Festival

A few months ago, the team held a second Aché music festival, this time in the largest Aché community—Chupapou. They thought that you might enjoy seeing the setting and the crowd. It was held in coordination with a church anniversary of the Ciudad del Este. The church's musicians were on hand to play.

- **Pray that Aché people will respond with as great enthusiasm to God's Word in their language as they have to the Aché music.**



- **Location: Paraguay**
- **Number of Speakers: 1,500**
- **Project Goal: New Testament plus Old Testament portions, JESUS film**
- **Year Project Began: 2004**
- **Expected Completion Date: 2015**
- **Pray that these kids will turn to Christ and not pursue occult rituals. Pray for boldness among the pastors and mature believers to follow up and nurture these young people.**





The Aché People

Training Literacy Teachers

In recent weeks, Victor's wife Cristina held two Aché literacy workshops. The first was in the town of Arroyo Bandera with local teachers. That three-day event helped the teachers become more comfortable teaching children to read in their mother tongue using Aché materials

The second workshop in Koentuwy was for all the teachers of the six Aché communities. This four-day session taught the teachers to use pre-reading activities, especially Aché stories.

In a Class of Their Own

Thanks to a work team from Taylor University, the pupils at Arroyo Bandera now have a new classroom of their own!

- **Praise God for the good work of the Taylor students and for the impact of their ministry on the Aché community.**
- **Pray that as Aché pupils use the new classrooms, they'll be drawn to the God who led the Taylor students to help build it.**

- **Praise God for the good response to these workshops. Ask God to give the teachers creativity and patience as they work with the children using the Aché materials.**

3030 Matlock Road, Suite 104, Arlington, Texas 76015
Toll Free: 866-One-Verse (866-663-8377) OneVerse.org
A Wycliffe Bible Translators affiliate