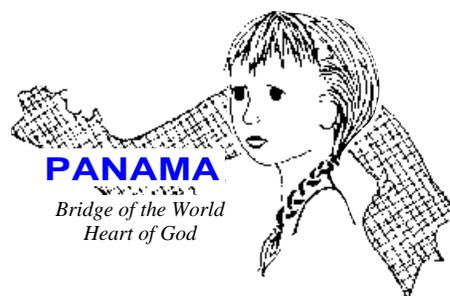


The Jones Journal



Kirk, Yvonne, Chloe, Anthony, Celina & Gracie
Missionaries to the Children of Panamá

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Ministry Report ~ by Kirk

Itineration routine, and not-so routine

We're definitely in the flow of itineration. We've got our travel plans down--assigned seats in car, mini TV-VCR mounted on armrests, with headphones for each kid, setup and tear-down jobs for each one. We've got our reports, stories, songs and sermons well-rehearsed.

Now, that doesn't mean it's getting boring by any stretch. We are more than halfway between our arrival June 2001 and our projected departure

August 2002. Since the budget isn't coming in as we had hoped, I am scheduling from August through December 2002. Please join us in prayer that this extension of fund-raising will not be necessary. Thanks.

LACC Update

To update on Latin America ChildCare (LACC) sponsorships, there are 33 new sponsors for children in Duíma, plus 22 more sponsors for other schools in Panamá for a total of 55 new sponsors this deputation cycle.

There are still many more children in Panamá who need sponsors. Feel free to contact us directly (contact info be-



Getting there is half the fun!

low), or the LACC website (www.lacc4hope.org), if you are interested in making a difference in the life of a Panamanian child in need. Special thanks to those 55



All the kids get in on the act.

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individuals, families and groups who are making life better for one such child.

Persistence

God taught me once more that He will provide if I'll be persistent. Expecting a polite rejection, I dutifully called a pastor whose church had supported us when we first went out, but support and contact had stopped. In fact, we were informed the church was closed. You can imagine my surprise when the pastor called me back, and then told me the church was flourishing, and that they wanted to add us on for \$100/month--double the original pledge! That motivates me to make that "one more call" even when I think there's no hope.

Holy Spirit Urging

I was scheduled for a 7 minute window at a church where I'd never ministered before. Literally minutes before going to

the pulpit, the pastor asked me to fill in for the whole service, since he didn't feel well all of a sudden.

Of course, I said, and prayed for him quickly before going up to the platform.

I reported on our work with children and leaders in Panamá. Then I shared from the Word the simple challenge that our kids bring in their MK cheer every service:

- *The task is great, the workers are few.*
- *I'm going over, how about you?*

In the second service I felt a special anointing from the Holy Spirit to present an invitation for people to respond to the Harvest Master's call to sacrificially pray, give and go. Several raised their hands and a couple people spoke with me afterwards indicating a desire to follow Jesus more deeply.

A few days later I received a call from the church with the news that the love offering was about five times more than our biggest offering ever. God confirmed to me two



Chloe shooting a free throw for the "pink chicks."

things: He needs workers, and our money needs He'll meet!

In that vein, would you please join us in praying for new Prayer and Financial Partners to reach our monthly & cash budget goals? Thanks. If God is challenging you to do more and join our support team, please let us know (contact info is below). Contributions can be made to our account # 2254795 at AGWM, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, MO 65802.

Prayer for the children of Panamá

Please join us in praying that

- 1) God will call many children to salvation,
- 2) those He saves will in turn reach many other children,
- 3) He will supernaturally empower our current children's ministries leaders to effective service, and
- 4) He will call many more adults to disciple children to reach other children.

Deputation Update

To date we've held

- 91 services and
- had 50 appointments with pastors.

Currently our monthly pledges are at

- \$6597 of the \$9937 needed.

Cash budget is about

- \$12,750 of the \$47,842 needed.

Monthly e-Mailer available

The purpose of the monthly e-mail is to share updates on ministry, family, praise and prayer. You'll see parts of it showing up in this print newsletter.

To begin receiving it, just send us an e-mail to kirk.jones@agmd.org.

Family Report ~ by Yvonne

Our kids' school, Pacific Coast Christian, participated in a speech tournament—and all three qualified!

Chloe

While Kirk was on a trip, I called and told him that Chloe scored the only basket in over-



The kids love hitting the hotel pools—when it's warm and we've got time.

time to win the game! Proud Dad wanted to talk with the champ, but all Chloe wanted to talk about was how one of her teammates who doesn't know Jesus yet had prayed to make the final free throw and God helped her. That put the game in OT. Chloe had been witnessing to her and was more excited about her talking about the Lord than she was about winning the game.

That season ended and Chloe's team became consolation champs! Now she is absolutely loving playing on the all-Starzz.

Anthony

Anthony has been learning centerfield and third base on his little league baseball team the A's. They are currently 1-1. Dad is enjoying helping out scoring at games and assisting at practices.

His love for football still comes out in his playbook and stories he writes on the road.

Celina

Celina has enjoyed playing games online at zoogDisney.com. She impressed us one day when she sent a note to TV character "Lizzie McGuire" and asked if she knows Jesus or reads the Bible. Celina ended the note adding, "God loves you!"

Gracie

Gracie still loves going to "Happy Feet" class once a week. I know we mentioned this before, but dancing is her life! She would go every day if she could. One day she dressed herself in a hurry to go to her class. I told her, "Your shoes are on the wrong feet." Solving the problem quickly she crossed her feet over and said, "There!"



Celina just hanging out!

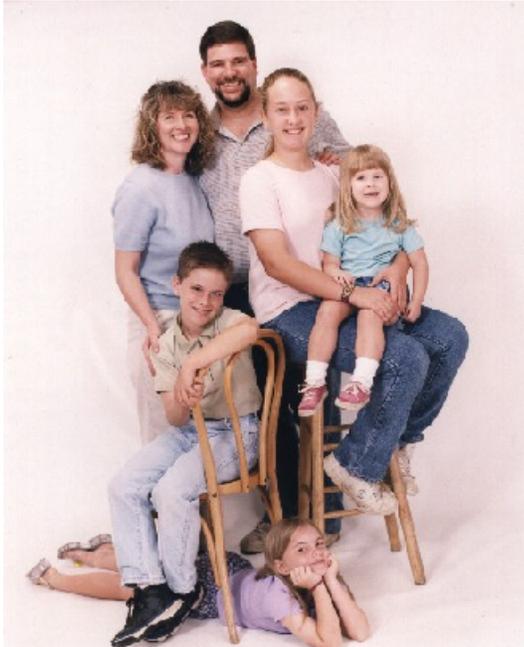


A Final Word

We're grateful that we've been able to see a few beautiful sites in our travels, like the Grand Canyon shown here. But the site that looks better and better, as the familiar rhyme puts it:

*be it ever so humble,
there's no place like home!*

Or be it Arroyo Grande, CA or Panamá City, PANAMA.



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