

A Final Word

The season of the year that is the transition period from summer to winter, occurring as the sun approaches the winter solstice, the autumn is referred to as the time for harvesting the grown or cultivated crops and the time when there is a lot of leaves' shedding from the trees. As goes the actual importance of the autumn, it teaches us about the ups and downs of life. The autumn season shows us how to get prepared for the lows of our lives and how to face them boldly.

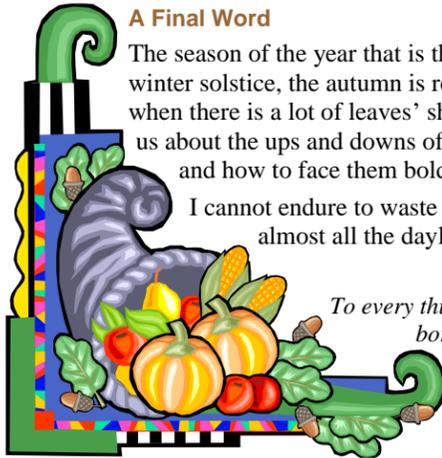
I cannot endure to waste anything as precious as autumn sunshine by staying in the house. So I spend almost all the daylight hours in the open air.

Nathaniel Hawthorne [http://www.best-quotes-poems.com/autumn-quotes.html]

To every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heavens: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pull up what is planted;

He has made everything beautiful in His time; also He has set eternity in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God makes from the beginning to the end.

Ecc. 3:1-2, 11; MKJV



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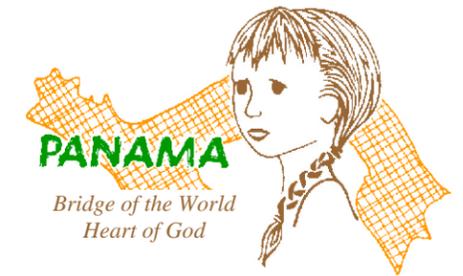
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Ministry Report ~ by Kirk

Happy Autumn! The change of seasons is one of the little things we look forward to when we go back to the US for itineration next year. Summer colors soften to yellows, oranges and browns. Here in Panamá October typically remains a vibrant green because there's even more rainfall than the rest of rainy season. So please receive our thanks for your

prayers and support from green Panamá while you enjoy autumn's changing colors.

because it's a noticeable difference from city kids who are typically loud, active and rambunctious.



Edilma brought Muriel (front and center) from her church to begin training as our new girl clown, Ling, for crusades in their geographic zone.

• **Chilibre, Panamá 8/07**

We had scheduled a follow up Crusade after last year's visit to the Darién province, in

KidsQuest Crusades

• **Volcán, Chiriquí 7/07**

Volcán is a small mountain community about an eight hour drive from Panamá City with a cooler climate (yeah!). Our Rep. for the zone, Edilma de Villarreal, coordinated with host pastor Manuel Solano to organize a great event. Right around half of the 300 children in total attendance were new to the church, and the Gospel. We saw many respond in typical subdued fashion to the altar calls. I mention the tranquil nature of the kids,

Metetí. Due to a scheduling conflict the new Pastor would not be able to host us in September. Instead, we were able to go to the little country church in Chilibre with its new pastor, our team member, Dallis Quiñones.



Even though it's only about 30 minutes outside of Panamá City, this community only gets drinkable water once a week delivered by tanker trucks.

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There is tap water, but it's not potable. There's only out-houses for bathrooms.

After the three days of Crusades, which attracted and packed just under 200 children into the tiny church building, leaders told us that they had never seen anything like this before. We're believing this will spark new growth in the church both in children and adult ministries.

Children's Ministries Leaders Seminars

The Panamanian government recently passed a law declaring September "Month of the Bible." In support of that effort we focused last month's Children's Ministries Leaders seminar on the importance of children and the Bible. Local churches will be hosting events such as Bible memorization, poetry compositions, dramatic presentations of Bible stories, and murals and artistic efforts highlighting the Word of God.



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Annual Minister's Retreat 7/07

Our whole family helped out ministering to our Minister's children (except Chloe--we'll explain where she was in the Family Report). Anthony accompanied Yvonne on his guitar for the worship. Celina and Yvonne prepared and organized the crafts. Gracie entered in to all the classes and played soccer with the boys. I taught on the Kingdom of God with great help from Fanny de Quinzada, shown here helping her table with their orange-clove craft.

I invite you to view additional ministry photos and Crusade video reports on our "Media" page online at www.jonesjournal.org.

Prayer

- Please pray for growth for Dallis Quiñones and her small congregation in Chilibre following the recent KidsQuest



Crusade held there.

Praise

- Tiara is David Herrera's daughter, who lost her mom in the tragic bus fire last year. We ministered with her at the Minister's Retreat. Her dad reports that while it can be hard at times, more and more they

are seeing God bring healing in her heart.

Upcoming

- The next KidsQuest Crusades will be: 22-23 September in *Bocas del Toro*; 13-14 October *Altos de las Colinas*, Central Zone; and 17-18 November *Bugaba*, Western Zone. Plus the Annual Christmas Crusade in *San Miguelito* will be 1 December.

Family Report ~ by Yvonne

Chloe

One of the highlights of Chloe's busy summer was the Mancorá Perú missions trip with her youth group. They ministered in VBS-style classes for children in the mornings. They built strong relationships with the youth of the church (three birthday parties in one week!). They wrapped up their week with two open-air evangelistic concerts. She showed us all 1200+ pictures/videos from her new camera the night she



got home and told us she wants to go back!

Tony, now a freshman, is on the high school basketball team. He's at the free throw line in the first game of the season vs. Balboa Academy, Chloe's school. He's still playing electric guitar too, but has been promoted to the High School worship band.

Celina

Celina is back in the middle



ple weeks into the year she surprised us by asking if she could start a book club at home with some classmates. At school they've been reading Frank Peretti's youth adventure series and wanted to keep it up on

their own.



Thanks for your prayers and financial support these past 4-1/2 years of our third missionary term. We are looking forward to sharing with many of you during our upcoming itinerarion July '08 through July '09. We invite you to schedule a visit, simply by clicking on our "Itinerarion" page at www.jonesjournal.org.



Gracie

Gracie was really excited to get back to school! A cou-



Get To Know Panamá

Panamá Canal expansion explosion!

From across the Isthmus of Panama and around the world, a crowd of 30,000 celebrated the Panama Canal Authority's groundbreaking ceremony to begin the first-ever expansion of the nearly 100-year-old waterway. It will build a new "lane" of traffic via a new set of locks, which will double capacity allowing longer and wider ships than the current two lanes and three levels of locks.

Among many world leaders present, President Jimmy Carter spoke along with Panama's President Martin Torrijos, son of Omar Torrijos who signed the Panama Canal treaty with President Carter in 1977.

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