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**A Final Word**

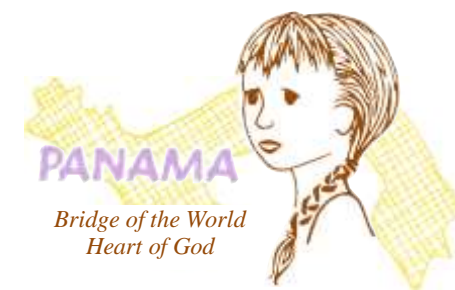
I'd like to share with you the testimony of César, the "adopted" son of our host pastor in *La Arena* Ricardo DeLeon. When he introduced himself as "adopted," I assumed it meant in a spiritual sense, like taking a zealous, new convert under his wing. No, César now lives with the pastor's family and ministers in the community where he used to sell drugs and run with the gangs. His believing mother died when he was four. His father died when he was 15. Left on his own, he used drugs and violence to try and fill the pain he felt inside. That is,... until he met Jesus at age 17.

I got to hear his story as we drove through the muddy streets picking up kids from his cell group to bring them to the Crusade services. César's vision is to see Jesus give hope and victory to children who might be headed down the same path he had been on. He's another one of the Master's harvest workers...



*Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,  
 Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;  
 When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome,  
 We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.*

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**Ministry Report ~ by Kirk**

*KidsQuest Crusades*

**June - Santa Rita de Antón.**  
 Our host Pastora Carolina de Gonzales is an energetic dynamo with a passion to reach

her remote community for Jesus. Since we rarely show our karate-style Bengal tiger in action, here's "CJ" teaching the children the memory verse John 14:6. Over 200 children and youth attended.



**July - 24 de Diciembre, Panamá City.** We scheduled around the World Cup soccer final-or else no one would show up! You can see many of these first-time visitors who prayed at the altar to receive Jesus. Almost 100 kids came.

ministries. These boys were even willing to sit on the floor, as you can see from this picture taken during the prayer for salvation. About 150 children in all.

**September - La Arena, Herrera.** Pastor DeLeon's "adopted" son César was orphaned very young, so he got involved in gangs and dealing drugs. We bussed kids in from his old neighborhood, where he now leads a cell group. You can read more in "A Final Word" on page four. Just shy of 200 in attendance.



*North Carolina AIM team*

In June we hosted, along with missionary Terry Rosch, the terrific youth Ambassadors in Missions (AIM) team from North Carolina. Pastor Ashley Penley and leaders did an ex-

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**August - Bambito, Chiriquí.** Here the children were so appreciative, because they don't get many visits from outside





children's ministries leaders in our monthly seminars. Topics have included gospel illusions by Carolina, effective teaching techniques by Juan Carlos, and

cellent job ministering alongside three Panamanian congregations. They held values-based public school assemblies along with distributing the Book of Life to each student. They also shared the gospel in song, drama, and testimonies at neighborhood parks, such as in this congested barrio basketball court. Our three kids served as translators.

preparing lesson plans by Kirk. The last seminar was sharing a short Christmas program entitled "Celebrate, the King is Born!" Yvonne put it all together and then taught the lyrics, motions and dramas. We uploaded a brief YouTube video report of the seminar available online from our website Media page.

**Missions Mondays**



I've been teaching Missions on Mondays at the Bible School. We have covered Missiology, Postmodernism and currently Transcultural Missionary Preparation.

**Children's Ministries Leaders Seminars**

Our volunteer leaders and I continue to train local church



The institution's world missions program is in its beginning stages. The few students in attendance demonstrate a strong desire to fulfill their missionary call.

**Prayer**

- That missions students Carolina, Herick, Luzinio and Tomás become global change agents from the "bridge of the world" to the ends of the earth.
- That God will provide for our ministry needs and will do the same for our generous and faithful supporters, especially in these challenging times.

**Praise**

- New Speed-The-Light car! It's a Toyota Land Cruiser Prado. Thanks again to the awesome SoCal youth of the San Fernando section.
- New STL car back like new after minor accident. Two doors were replaced. Thankfully Gracie and Kirk were not hurt at all.

**"Panamanian" Profile**

She's not actually Panamanian, but we'd like to introduce you to Karly Bothman here. Karly stayed with us for a couple weeks and joined the AIM team as a translator/team member. She attended a Spanish immersion school for many years. You can see she fit right in with our girls! She was a real blessing.



Her Mom, Krista, was one of Yvonne's high school friends and also one of our bridesmaids, seen in this vintage photo with Kirk's brother Tim. Krista and Kirk go back even farther having played together in jazz band in Junior High and High School in Oregon.



brief visit. It was great! She is now in her third year of studying nursing. The newest thing for her this year is she is an R.A. and loving it!

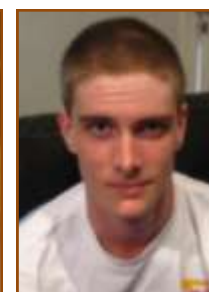


**Upcoming**

- Yvonne continues ministering with babies at two different orphanages weekly.
- Yearend Christmas Crusade is in Antón on 4 December 2010.

**Tony**

Anthony and Celina won student council elections for President and Vice President respectively. As he campaigned, Anthony buzzed his



**Family Report ~ by Yvonne**

**Chloe**

During the summer we got to enjoy being all six of us together again during Chloe's

hair! One campaign observer described it as "a stroke of

**Get To Know Panamá**



Panamá's President Ricardo Martinelli spoke at the U.N. in September. That provides an opportunity to introduce him to you here. He is a successful businessman and philanthropist, still chairman of the board of the Super 99 grocery-variety national chain, where we often shop.

He was elected President in May 2009. During the campaign, it was revealed that he is bipolar. So after he won the election, these bumper stickers appeared everywhere: "Los Locos Somos Más" = "There's more of us Crazy's." Beginning his first month in office, he has donated all of his presidential salary among 13 charities, many that he founded. [news & photo credits: panama-guide.com]



genius," especially to win the middle school boys' vote! He's playing power forward on the school's sub 18 year old basketball team.

**Celina**

Celina celebrated her 16th birthday with a Hollywood theme party and lots of her friends. Celina had an incredible ten days with the youth

missions team in Máncora, Perú. She said her favorite parts were leading the motions at Kids Church as part of the worship team, and getting to know families in the community. You can read her full report on our website linked at the Newsletter page. [photo credit: TitoHerrera.com]

**Gracie**

Gracie became 7<sup>th</sup> grade class representative to the student council. She turned 12 last month. She's pictured here after an AIM team church service. Gracie is also playing basketball this year. Since there were not enough girls to form a sub 12 team, she is playing point guard on the sub 16 team. Her coach says she has such a look of determination on her face while she's playing.

