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A Final Word

I began this booklet with a call for a new missional focus. I said that just as the 10/40 Window focused our attention on 'the core of the core,' so the 4/14 Window was a focus on the core of the core. My purpose was to turn the spotlight on those in the 4/14 Window—the Ages of Opportunity. We have seen that this group is an enormous "people group"—one that is suffering, neglected and exploited. At the same time, those precious ones in the 4/14 Window are also without question the most receptive people group on the planet.



Dr. Luis Bush
 Raising Up a New Generation from the 4/14 Window
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**Ministry Report ~
 by Kirk**

2011 Year of the Child

What an exciting time to be a missionary to children! When we started out over twenty years ago it was not common to specialize in kids ministries. Not so anymore. This year has been designated by ours along with many other denominations and missions agencies as a year to focus on children.

For our monthly seminar for children's ministries leaders in January we combined with leaders

and teachers from the Christian Education Department. All of us are focusing on the International Year of the Child for 2011. I shared a seminar on the "4/14 Window" (age range: four to fourteen) movement presented by Dr. Luis Bush. He is the same missiologist who coined the term "10/40 Window" to reach many unreached people groups (please see *A Final Word*).

The following week at the AG Annual Business Session I shared a short video and promoted the resource material we had compiled on CD for the seminar on the Year of the Child. The CD was in high demand. During the past several months we have shared the 4/14 Window principles with *Alfalit*, a ministry that encourages reading and literacy using Christian materials, in church missions conference setting, and at various local church teacher training seminars. It's great to see a groundswell of interest in reaching and discipling this generation of children.

**Children's Ministries
 Leaders Seminars**

For the April leaders seminar, I had diligently prepared, but I honestly didn't feel a spark in my heart about what to share, like I usually



do. I felt kind of guilty and asked the Lord what was wrong with me? As the day unfolded, I began to learn again I need to trust that the Spirit plans better than we do. He sent one of our national missionaries who ministers in Haiti, Itzel (pictured here while video plays), to our seminar. God had spoken to her to go to the seminar "just in case" she could share something. She ministered powerfully with a PowerPoint presentation from a recent missionary retreat in Dominican Republic, plus a personal report with pictures of her recent trip to earthquake-ravaged Haiti. It followed up the missions video perfectly! One teacher summed it up, "I'm speechless."



**Ngobe (Guaymí) Family
 Conference**

In February Pastor Roy Rhodes brought another team to Panama to support the annual Ngobe (Guaymí) conference. They participated in preparing the Convoy of Hope donation, helped with

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crowd control and pencil and coloring paper distribution with the children's ministry, and Pastor Roy preached and taught the pastors class.



As I reported on facebook, there were over 4500 in total attendance for the week. Many walked two or three days, one way, to get there! We ministered with our Panamanian volunteer team twice daily to 750-800 kids, shown here doing a worship wave side to side. A record number of 202 new believers were baptized in the river on Thursday! I was privileged to baptize about a dozen children from that group. It's a great year to reach kids!



KidsQuest Crusades

We'll highlight the crusades to date focusing on April's KidsQuest Crusade in *Forestal* near *Santiago*, coordinated by our zone rep. Rigoberto Mitchell (far right). The children were so enthused that they crowded up close for the Bible videos and

later to get as close as they dared to see CJ, our karate-chopping Bengal tiger host, and the rest of the crusade team. You see our visitor campaign winners, Kelly, Abdías and Yoselín, who between them brought eighteen new visitors, plus all the other kids too. We added a training seminar Saturday evening for teachers from the local churches, led by Juan Carlos, Dallis, and



me. This facebook upload picture was taken just before con-

cluding in prayer with the kids who wanted to receive Jesus in their hearts.

The Panamá Assemblies of God Annual Ordination service was in February. I am so pleased and proud of our team members Dallis Quiñonez and Manuel Miranda. Both were ordained this year. Manuel is pictured with his wife Maribel. Dallis looks shiny following the service



because the tradition is to

use quite a bit of olive oil to symbolize the overflowing anointing of the Spirit on the minister's life.

If you are not receiving our monthly e-Mailers, and would like to, please drop us a note: kirk.jones@agmd.org. If you prefer, use facebook.com/kirkajones. I post infrequently, usually to upload pictures or mention a ministry event, so you

won't be overwhelmed (and hopefully not underwhelmed either ;-).



Praise

- Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge (BGMC) donated \$2500 worth of PowerMark Seeker Series comics to continue using in KidsQuest Crusades. Thanks BGMCers!
- Thank God for a growing interest in reaching and training children here in Panamá and around the world!

Prayer

- For family transition as Anthony goes off to college in the fall.
- For fruit that remains (John 15) from the newfound fervor focusing on children's ministries.

Panamanian Profile



In the March e-Mailer we asked you to pray for a very special leader and friend here in Panama, Rev. Julio Valdes, before surgery to repair a ruptured vein, and then later have a kidney transplant. Our dear brother had complications following the surgery and is now in the presence of the Lord. Of the many jobs he filled, I believe he will be best known as a champion of missions—in Panamá and around the world. In the Assemblies of God organization, several capable men are filling his various tasks. No one person could replace him. Please pray for his wife, daughter, two sons, their spouses, and three grandchildren who, along with us, miss him dearly. His life verse is:

And I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls, even if loving you more and more, I am loved the less. (2 Cor. 12:15 MKJV)

Upcoming

- Southern California District Hispanic youth team, led by Larry & Melodee Gruetzmacher, 9-18 July. They'll do outreach in Panamá's interior and join our KidsQuest Crusade in Panamá City, community of *Boca la Caja*.
- Minister's Retreat 24-27 July. I'll be team teaching two plenary sessions with all of our AG ministers on the 4/14 Window along with Ruth Steele, Christian Education and Marcos Palma, King's Castle.



hospital, received a lecture on tropical disease at the university medical

school, took care of children two different days in the *Malambo* orphanage with me, visited *Casa de Oración* church and medical clinic, ministered at PAINT church, and enjoyed a little time off at the beach.

May was a busy month for Chloe: she turned 21, got her first car, and began working at Cox College hospital as a Patient Care Assistant (PCA).

Family Report ~ by Yvonne

This past semester I helped out with the eighth grade choir at the kids' school. At the end of the school year they joined with twenty two piano students for a special night of music, the second annual Crossroads Community Recital.

Chloe

Chloe brought a team of nurses and students from Evangel University & Cox College of Nursing to Panama for a spring break missions trip. They held two separate medical clinics where they attended to almost 600 people. They toured a teaching



Tony

In April Tony and his *Fas2Rass cayuco* crew competed in the



three-day Ocean2Ocean race. It was very close competition in their mixed category. They won the last of five segments and overall ended in second place. If it were possible, he would love to go pro in this sport. The crew is shown here hoisting their trophies at the awards ceremony (L-R: Tony, Chacho, Ana Carolina and Matías).

As you can see Anthony was excited to graduate from Crossroads Christian Academy. He will join Chloe at Evangel University in the fall studying Business.



Celina

On the last day of our *Bocas del Toro* islands vacation, Celina had a great idea. The pictures tell the story: She put her left hand in the Atlantic Ocean, stood on the Continental Divide, and then

put her right hand in the Pacific Ocean--all in the same day! Where else on the planet can you do that?

Celina is preparing for a return missions trip to *Máncora Perú* this summer, 22-31 July. Their ministry will focus on hosting a Bible Fun club for children and working with the youth of *Cristo Es La Respuesta* church. She welcomes your prayers.

Gracie

Gracie continues with weekly violin lessons, plus playing piano/keyboard in the middle school worship band. When she wants to learn a new song, she finds the musical score online, props up her little netbook computer on top of the piano, and plays! A true "screen-ager." She practiced extra long and hard on the piano preparing to accompany her friend Trinity singing a solo for the school's talent show in May. They did a great job!

