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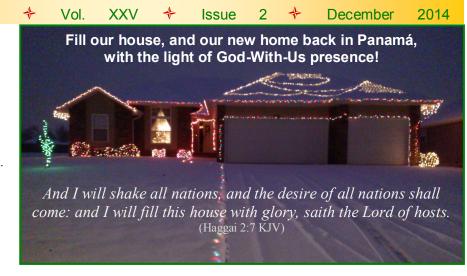
A Final Word

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer

Our spirits by Thine advent here Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/O_come,_O_come,_Emmanuel]



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

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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

Dear Friends, in this Christmas newsletter I hope you can unwrap our gift of thanks to you for your financial and prayer support. That is what makes our return to Panamá in January possible!

As we often say in itineration ministry, we are looking forward to continuing reaching children and training teachers to become agents of transformation in their generation. In addition, the Lord has moved on Yvonne's heart to raise awareness in our churches about foster care and adoption by Christian families. Kirk feels a new burden to reach children at risk for human trafficking. Pray for God's leading.

Yvonne has been teaching voice and piano at James River Church School of Fine Arts. Recently she began classes training for foster care, planning to adapt the material for Panamá.

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Chloe continues working night shift as an R.N. at Cox Hospital. She has gained new responsibilities at work by being the charge nurse. For fun, she was "Chief Band-Aid" (nurse) for MK summer and ski retreat.

Anthony is graduating Evangel U. this spring with an Elementary Ed. degree, plus a TESOL and Spanish minor. He enjoys CrossFit training and is serving in a little country church where the people love him. He even got Mom & Dad in there for a missionary service!

Celina is a junior at Pepperdine U., a Biology major, and a TA for Chemistry. She enjoys being able to do some cooking in her apartment. For patriotic month (November) she made *arroz con pollo* (rice with chicken) Panamá style!

Gracie is a junior, got her driver's license, and leads worship at a new church plant. Her high school did an excellent job performing *The Sound of Music* and she was the lighting designer.

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Missions Emphasis Week in February at Evangel U. focused on Latin America/Caribbean. As Missionary in Residence, this was World Changers Mission Fellowship's big event for Spring. AGWM Regional LAC office went above and beyond the call, especially providing for the Great Race Latin America Experience—a self-guided interactive tour where students learned about the needs and opportunities that exist for missions in the LAC region. The iconic Christ the Redeemer statue from Rio de Janeiro was surrounded by flags from the

Inspiring speakers touched students' hearts for missions. Students gave a generous offering for an unprecedented open-air crusade in a nearby com-

munist nation. Thursday evening open forum allowed personal interaction with student Q&A of our panel members, plus a rich time spent in prayer at the altar. Thanks to all, especially WCMF leaders!

WCMF Club held "African Church: Joy Amidst Suffering" alternate chapel in March, similar to the previous semester Middle-East-undergroundchurch chapel. Student worshippers experienced rhythmic music style, demonstrative prayer, communion, preaching with stories of God's protection, and even a sample "donut" called beignet made by an EU student from Congo.

Attention focused on Africa's Unreached People Groups (UPGs) with a call to do our part to reach them. Students lingered long on their knees during the powerful prayer time. Several came and told our WCMF leaders that God reaffirmed His call to Africa that night!

February

October

SMTWTF

In April Yvonne received her ministerial license from the Southern Missouri District of the Assemblies of God along with recognition as a SoMo District missionary. Kirk is still a SoCal District missionary. We are grateful for additional ministry opportunities.



This May we celebrated 30 years being married! We are so blessed by the Lord with the life He's allowed us to share, the families He placed us in, and especially the four terrific kids He's given us.



Since extending our itineration through the fall, we have continued introducing ourselves to ministers here in the Southern Mis-



souri District, as well as sharing in area churches. Fall is Missions Convention season and we are thankful for pastors having allowed us to be with their children's ministries. At a recent Missions Conventions a few children dared to thrust their hand into a paper sack containing different foods they might find in Panamá. Then the really brave ones took a bite with the blindfold still on.





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We've also seen children come forward for prayer in response to God's call for future missions service. They are the agents of transformation for this generation, the church of today, and the eaders of tomorrow!

SMTWTFS



It was great having all six of us together, even if only for the month of July, so we took a family vacation down by the river. Friends had told us about the fun of a float trip, and now we know. So relaxing!

1914: 300 met in Hot Springs, AR to form the Assemblies of God. 2014: 67 million people in 252 countries comprise it. In August, thousands from the U.S., 2000 representing 120 other nations of the world, plus millions via live streaming and broadcast affiliates, all together we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the AG here in Springfield, MO.



PRAYER: Returning to Panamá, please pray for Gracie, Yvonne and Kirk setting up house back in Panamá, and for Chloe, Tony, and Celina remaining in U.S. for their job, and university studies.

PRAISE: Getting to visit many supporters, friends and family during our ministry stateside. Seeing God work through faithful people and churches to raise the budget that we lacked.

UPCOMING: Reuniting with our beloved Panamanian friends, churches and ministers beginning with the Annual Session meetings Jan. 18-21 at the National Campground.

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