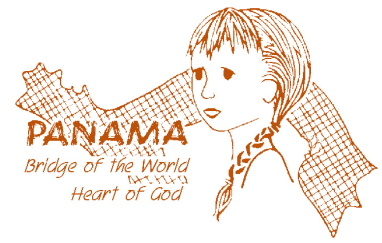


The Jones Journal



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AGWM Missionaries to the Children of Panamá

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**The Jones Family wishes you and yours
A Very Merry Christmas
and a Blessed 2017!**

*And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring
you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord.*

Luke 2:10-11 (ESV)

With this Holiday edition of our newsletter we add an extra helping of thanksgiving on top of our regular ministry and family reports. That is for you, your prayers, financial support, and mostly for the Lord who calls and leads us. Please take a look at a few snapshots and brief descriptions of different areas of ministry this past year.

Ministry Report

Training

Training leaders to reach and disciple children is an integral part of our work. Practical topics are puppet-making and how to use them.



New districts have begun training leaders in their areas. We help by providing video recording and distribution via Facebook.



Each Christmas we prepare a short musical program for the children in the church to share the story of Jesus' birth with motions, drama and Bible verses.



Outreach

Oasis de Paz Church camp theme was "I Also Serve Jesus" which matches our ministry slogan, "Children



Reaching Children." Together we learned from the gospel illusions and memory verse game. These kids prayed sincerely, sought God and spent time in God's presence! Next generation world-changers!



We concluded the spiritual emphasis week at *Monte de Sión* church with an all night prayer vigil. Pray all night with little kids? Well, almost--dynamic praise and worship songs, pearl of great price relay race, gospel illusion, object lessons, and hot chocolate! Appreciated the priceless treasure of salvation!

Templo Zuriel Church had us judge their talent show and folklore celebration. 100+ children enjoyed 25 of their



peers sharing talents with a purpose.

Missions



Panamá's First Assembly of God Church, *Catedral de Vida*, began with a missionary fervor that continues. At the dedication of the unfinished new building the congregation raised a \$1000 offering for a missionary outreach in Egypt (equals \$6273 today!).



Colón's children showed their missionary fervor as they parade and prayed and preached for missions!



At a missionary conference a future missionary shared her testimony of how God called her to Portugal while watching a TV commercial.

Teams

Alton Abundant Life Community Church ministers among the *Ngobe* Indians every year with generous donations, preaching, photographs and this year a dental clinic for the first time.



Southern California pastors ministered at home cell groups, church prayer services, Bible School chapel, a deacons leadership training, a rehab center for homeless and drug addicts. They even prayed with a tire repair guy who helped us fix a flat on the side of the road.



Celina helped with the team from Calvary Church of Pacific Palisades where she had volunteered while at Pepperdine. They held assemblies at Christian and public schools. The Panamanian youth crowded the altars to pray with the team, and then later hung out to talk and take selfies with them. They did a prayer walk



through the *Las Garzas* shantytown with Pastora Adela de Giroldi (second from right). It impacted them greatly.



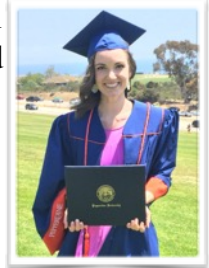
San Diego City View Church shared testimonies, performed gospel illusion and preached in five different churches from Panamá City into the interior. They also helped advance a construction project. They did street witnessing in *Guias Occidente* and it bore fruit. We spoke with a husband and wife on their porch who later came and prayed to reconcile with the Lord!

Family Report

Big changes happened for our family this summer—two



international moves and two cross-country moves! Gracie and Tony sort of swapped. Gracie graduated from Crossroads Christian Academy here in Panamá and eventually moved to Springfield where she is studying Music at Evangel University. Tony graduated from Evangel U. and eventually moved back to Panamá where he is teaching fourth grade at CCA.



Chloe became a traveling nurse in Klamath Falls, OR after road-tripping it across country with Gracie. Celina graduated from Pepperdine University and has begun a PhD in Biomedical Sciences at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston after Tony joined her on the road trip before he flew to Panamá.



Yvonne's Mom, our Beloved Grandma Bonnie Sheets, went to be with Jesus November 2. Her family celebrated together a life well-lived for the Lord (the family picture above is from the funeral).

A Final "Word" ...



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