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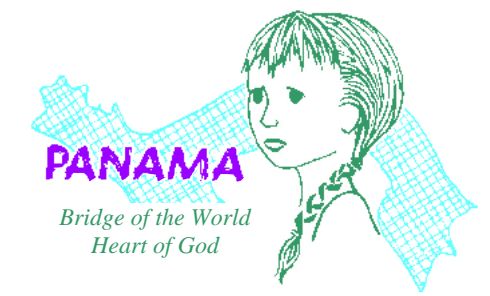


All of our praise rises to the One who is strong enough to make you strong, exactly as preached in Jesus Christ, precisely as revealed in the mystery kept secret for so long but now an open book through the prophetic Scriptures. All the nations of the world can now know the truth and be brought into obedient belief, carrying out the orders of God, who got all this started, down to the very last letter.

Romans 16:25-26 The Message

Reminder: our website [jonesjournal.org] contains past e-Mailer and print newsletters, hundreds of pictures in photo albums, plus dozens of video reports on ministry and family. We invite you to take a look!

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

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Ministry Report ~ by Kirk

"Transplant"

This is how we feel--transplanted. This newsletter issue covers our last couple of months in Panamá and the first few back here in the US. I invite you to read to the end and see how Gracie provides the perfect metaphor for this new season in our lives.

KidsQuest Crusades

- *Boquete* (5/08)



in *Pajonal*, the central zone. Our regional coordinator Rigoberto Mitchell did a great job coordinating with host Pastor Seferino Quiroz setting up and promoting the crusade. These four visitor campaign winners Thais, Velkis, Victor & Josue earned their prizes by bringing 46 new visitors to the crusade meetings! Thank

you for praying and partnering with us and children like them.

Itineration

One blessing of itineration is reconnecting with people. One Sunday in July we got to be in both our home churches in Salem, OR. Yvonne is singing here at Christian Center,

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This terrific church in the western coffee-growing region of Panamá impressed us with their organization, preparation and fantastic decorations for the crusade. The first crusade presentation began with over 200 children. That number grew to over 300 for the final day. Many kids rallied to bring in new visitors.

Special thanks go to our host Pastor Ivan Ríos, and his son Ivan, Jr., featured in this month's Panamanian Profile.

- *Pajonal* (6/08)

Our final KidsQuest Crusade for this past term was



Kirk's home church. Later the family shared at Peoples Church, Yvonne's home church.

We were warned that missionaries are struggling to raise budgets, that churches just allow 3-5 minute windows and only on Sunday mornings, that the economy is struggling and that gas, food and motels cost more. Yes, that's all true. You know what else is true? Our God is bigger than any challenge. We join you in trusting Him for victory!



protection while apart.

- For missing friends in Panamá.

Praise

- For the missionary house at First Assembly of God, Arroyo Grande.

Thank you to all our friends, family and partners for your faithful prayers and financial support. We are here in the US trusting God and His people to help raise our budget to get us back to work with Panamá's children where both He and we want us to be. Thanks for prayerfully consid-

<i>budget box</i>	<i>monthly</i>	<i>cash</i>
budget:	\$ 11,229	\$57,174
current:	\$ 9508	0
promises:	\$ 125	na
needed:	\$ 1596	\$57,174

Grande.

- For the cool coastal weather and our first trip back to Pismo Beach pier.

- For getting to see family and friends again.

Upcoming

- More miles on the ground and in the air.

ering a new commitment or an increase.

We've inserted our new prayer card with this newsletter. Let us know if you'd like more. We'll take all the prayer we can get!

Prayer

- For God's provision of creativity, wisdom, finances, and stamina.
- For safety in travel; for family's

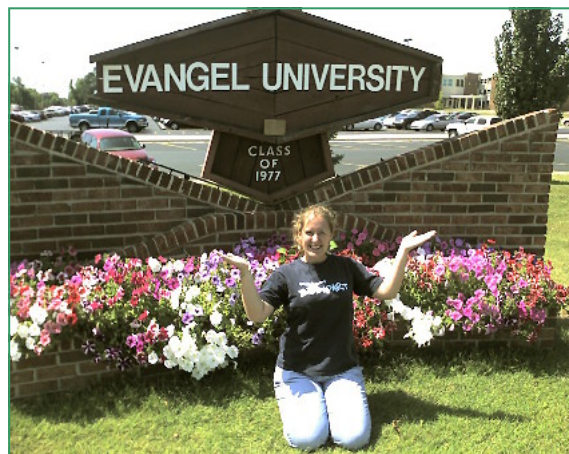
- More missionary services, windows, children's church and pastor appointments.

Family Report ~ by Yvonne



Chloe

On August 21, I sent Chloe and Kirk off to Springfield, MO in a small airplane from the San Luis Obispo airport. We all shed a lot of tears that day. Slowly, we are adjusting to having Chloe so far away. She is doing well at Evangel University, majoring in Nursing. She loves dorm life, new friends and a taste of independence.



Celina

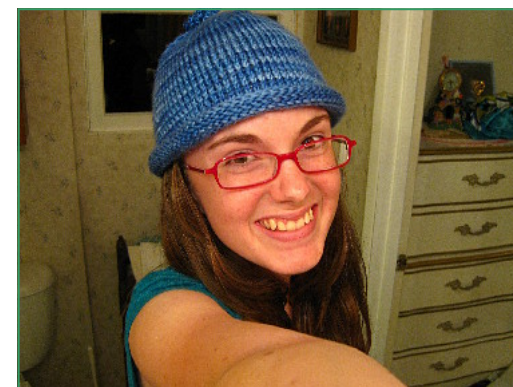
Both Celina and Tony go to Arroyo Grande High School, a public school with 2300 students. This has been a BIG change from Panamá. Celina will keep us all warm this winter as she has taken up knitting. So far, she has made

three hats and three scarves. We will need them for this coastal weather.

Gracie

Gracie received this cute little plant in July at the re-entry seminar in Springfield, MO. It symbolized her MK life of being transplanted from one place to another. We then had to carry this same cute little plant across the country to the

West Coast where more than a month later we finally settled into our house. At times, it looked a little wilted and worn. We gave it water, sunshine and TLC to perk it up. As you can see it's still alive. Both the plant and Gracie are thriving in their new surroundings!



Tony

Tony sold his guitar in Panamá to save up to buy a new one in the States. Thanks to his uncle Duane, he got a good deal on a "Godin" guitar and has been playing it every day. Even in the car! He plays in the worship band at Arroyo Grande First Assembly.

Panamanian Profile

Ivan Ríos, Jr., 23, serves as assistant pastor with his dad at the church in *Boquete* that hosted our KidsQuest Crusade. As a young child he was saved, empowered by Holy Spirit baptism and was called by God to preach. He told me he heard God's voice very clearly in his head repeating, "You have to preach... you have to preach!" So at eight years of age he began preaching. You might remember his name or face



since we mentioned him during our second iteration. It was more than 14 years ago he was one of the speakers for Panamá's national children's retreat—at nine years of age! He's a great example of our ministry motto: "children reaching children."



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