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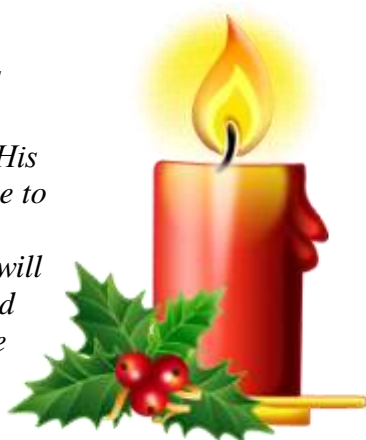
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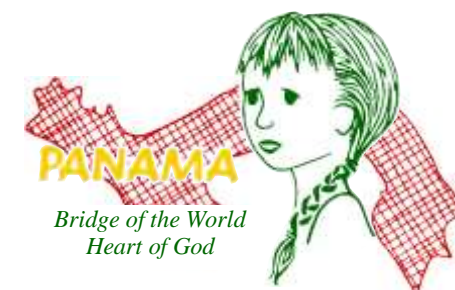
A Final Word

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God....In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.... He was the true Light; He enlightens every man coming into the world.... He came to His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, He gave to them authority to become the children of God, to those who believe on His name, who were born, not of bloods, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but were born of God. And the Word became flesh, and tabernacled among us. And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and of truth.

John 1:1, 4, 9, 11-14 MKJV



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**Ministry Report ~
 by Kirk**

Warm Tropical Christmas Blessings from the Jones Family to Yours!

Four-Fourteen Window

Leader training continues in monthly regional seminars and individual churches. For this report I would like to add how the 4/14 Window concept has captured the attention of many lay leaders and ministers. As a brief reminder, children ages four to fourteen are considered by some to be the world's largest unreached people group, with the highest receptivity to the Gospel and the greatest vulnerability to the enemy's attacks via disease, hunger, war and abuse.

We held a Saturday afternoon teacher training seminar along with Carolina Canto, one of our faithful volunteer staff, who graduates Bible school this month. We taught a group of about twenty committed leaders who came after working their secular jobs all morning, then wading through a torrential rain-storm. They showed real appreciation and interest in strategies to reach the 4/14 Window in Panamá.

At the end of July over 500 of our AG ministers gathered to celebrate Panamá's Annual Minister's Retreat. Along with Ruth Steele, Christian Education and Marcos Palma, King's Castle, we led two plenary sessions on the 4/14 Window that were well received. We provided about 500 copies of CD-Rs with additional tools and resources for local church ministry to children, especially for the International Year of the Child.

with us to Panamá on July 8-19. Many of these kids were not ready for what they were about to do, but God worked in their lives as they stepped out and did dramas, danced, worked puppets and shared their testimonies with hundreds of people."

During ten full days they ministered in seven churches and nine schools. God was divinely orchestrating His master plan even through something as mundane as trying to save money. Cheaper lodging put us in *Aguadulce* working with *Presbyter Inocente Camargo*. He told us that area had the highest incidence of youth suicides and attempts. At several secondary schools team members shared their testimonies of how God walked with them as they struggled with low self-image, cutting, and even suicidal thoughts. What followed was one-on-one ministry talking about thoughts of suicide and different kinds of abuse. God did amazing miracles in many lives. Speaking the heart language of the youth made a big difference.

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SCDC Hispanic team

Larry & Melodee Gruetzmacher blessed Panamá and us with a team of Hispanic youth from our home district of Southern California. Larry reported:

"Amazing, unbelievable, life-changing," were the words used by the team of Hispanic youth who traveled



KidsQuest Crusades

Boca La Caja



The SCDC Hispanic team also worked alongside our team holding a Crusade with Pastor Teodoro Cave's inner city church situated in a "red zone" community, literally in the shadow of the new luxurious Trump Tower. We walked the trash-strewn streets inviting children and youth to the daytime crusade and evening open air concert.

Penonomé



This crusade saw dozens of children respond to the salvation invitation. You can see a video report on our Media page.

Bocas del Toro



One little guy brought a boat-load, literally, of about 20 kids

from down the coast. For some communities the Atlantic Ocean is a more convenient roadway than hiking through the jungle or waiting/paying for a bus. Pastor Inoil Alvarado and all his church leaders worked diligently before and during the crusade. The children's ministries director led the salvation prayer after each crusade. For all the three presentations about fifty children came forward and knelt to pray.

Cañaverall



Abdías (with the toy car) brought the most visitors. A few seconds after meeting him, I could see why. He is gregarious, talkative, and very intelligent. He had all the memory verses down pat. He knew a little something about everything. He was always at church. That is the kind of 4/14'er who will change their world!

Prayer

- Orphanage: that the girls would come to know Jesus in Yvonne's Bible Study (see Family Report).
- Finances: this is both a request and a report. Along with many friends in the US and missionaries around the world, the economy has affected our work funds. For much of the past year we were in the red.

Praise

- Finances: please do not stop praying, because it is working. Recently we have eased into the black again. We see God's provision through faithful servants like many of you!
- New leaders arising from the 4/14 Window to reach their generation, like Abdías in *Cañaverall*.

Upcoming

- December 10: Christmas Kids Crusade in Chiriquí, Western zone.
- Itineration Ministry in the US: July 2012 – August 2013.

We've been given permission for an early itineration beginning July 2012. We look forward to seeing many of you again to give a report of what God has been doing here with Panamá's children and to hear about your ministry, family, and life! Please contact us to plan a visit (see p. 4).

Panamanian Profile

Right after the KidsQuest Crusade in *Cañaverall* I tweeted this picture with a brief prayer request. Allow me to properly introduce you to Miguel & his wife Jacqueline Virginia. Miguel was a sailor for many years on oil tankers running up and down the Americas. Later he served for 27 years in the Panamá Coast Guard, rising to Lieutenant commanding his own patrol ship. He admitted he had lived a wild life, but later Jesus got ahold of his life. After retirement they moved to the countryside. He is a faithful lay leader at church.

During the night we stayed his cell phone rang often. It turned out that his 90 year old mother had passed away. He did not tell us at the time, another family member did later. So we returned to pray with them before the final Crusade. Through moist eyes he told us that three days earlier God gave him a vision of his mom dressed head to toe in white, with a big smile on her face. In the vision he asked her why she was smiling, but she didn't answer. He took it as a sign that God would take her home soon.



While I had been setting up an air mattress to sleep in his front room, he gently grinned and suggested I slide it over a ways so that if it rains the leaks would not wake me. Their story represents many believers, especially in our interior churches, who might be poor in worldly wealth are rich in spiritual fervency, storing up treasure where thieves cannot steal and moths will not corrupt.



Family Report ~ by Yvonne

After spending time at the orphanage holding the babies, a need arose to have a values class with the 14-18 year old girls. I felt God stirring my heart to help. One of the first events was taking a group of 42 of them to hear motivational Christian speaker Nick ("No arms, no legs, no limits") Vujjic at the national stadium. In a special meeting with just the girls afterward, Nick shared that even though they may not have a mom and a dad, that God is with them always and if they are a daughter of the King, then they are princesses. With these words and a hug God began an inner healing in many of the girls. We were all in tears.



I then started a Bible Study for them on Jesus' seven miracles in the Gospel of John. The group has about 25 girls. This has been a challenge, but slowly God is breaking down the barriers and the Holy Spirit is working in their lives. These girls live there because they have been abused, abandoned

or have no family. When they turn 18, they have to leave the orphanage. My hope is that Christ will save them and get them started in a new life serving Him.

Chloe

This is Chloe's final year in nursing school. She is a full-time student at Cox College, an RA at Evangel University, and working part-time as a PCA (Patient Care Assistant). One class she really enjoys is to "shadow" a school nurse, observing while she does her job. Something else she really enjoys is having her brother around. After celebrating Tony's 19th birthday they went out for ice cream cones.



Tony

Tony is now a freshman at Evangel University. He is rooming with Lane, an MK (missionary kid) from Belize he has known for years, and brother to Chloe's former roommate, Christa. Both of their suite-mates next door are MKs too. He has been hitting the books hard, and his grades reflect it. He's making friends, doing intramural sports, working out, and buying winter clothes (for the first time in his life).

The day he left I declared an official day of mourning. We are all adjusting to the change. What can I say?—we miss him. Gratefully we will all be together in



Panamá over Christmas!

Celina

Over the summer Celina went on her second missions trip to *Máncora Perú*. Her online report begins *God is good*. Among many examples of His goodness, she shares how the Holy Spirit really touched the hearts of the girls in her small group through the worship time. She also was able to give her testimony at church and live on the radio the next day.

Her Senior year has been busy. She is taking AP Calculus and Biology, Physics and a dual credit class. She tutors three times a week. She is applying to colleges, seeing what kind of scholarships are available and trying to figure out her future. And you can see she took her senior pictures, Panamá style.

Gracie

She played on both sub-16 (like J.V. in the U.S.) and sub-18 (like Varsity) *Lady Eagles* basketball team, with Dad as one of the coaches. She is playing volleyball now. Gracie also ministers at Panamá International Church as a pre-school Sunday School teacher. It seems like just yesterday she was in preschool. Now she's thirteen.

Gracie's 8th grade class is very social so they get together a lot. Recent example is the costume party held at our house. She continues to play piano, is taking violin lessons and leads worship in the middle school band.

