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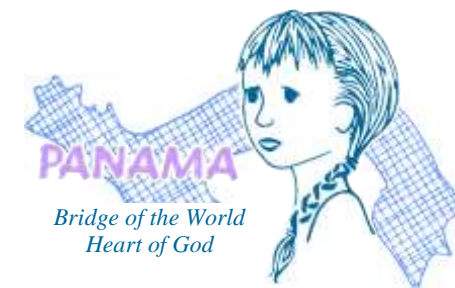
A Final Word from the Road on Ministry & Relationships

If I had a dollar for every time I have said, "I believe ministry flows out of relationship, on the field and in the US" then I wouldn't have to raise any more support. Okay, maybe not, but I am learning a couple things:

1. The repetition reinforces the truth I already know and firmly believe: Ministry really DOES flow out of healthy relationships—with God and with each other. The mission of God is to reconcile man to Himself through grace by faith in Christ's work on the cross. Missions is all of us who enjoy a restored relationship with the Father working together to take that message to those who do not know Him yet, whoever or wherever they might be.
2. In the process of establishing and renewing relationships while here in the US I am gaining new appreciation of the uniqueness of each person. I see the creativity of God in the variety of personalities and giftings He has bestowed upon each member of His Body, the Church.



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 AGWM Missionaries to the Children of Panamá

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Ministry Report

Joy in the Journeys

Itineration ministry is clearly different from what we do as missionaries on the field. Yvonne and I have thoroughly enjoyed the services with new and supporting churches and appointments meeting with pastors either for the first time or keeping in touch with long-time friends. Each person we meet is different with unique gifts and calling that all work together for the building of the Kingdom of God. It is amazing to appreciate the multi-faceted nature of the Church,



the Body of Christ. Even better, we rejoice knowing that He made each of us an integral part of His Body (Col. 2:19).

kids workers, leaders and teachers were motivated in the morning session by Robin's husband Glenn Garvin and in the afternoon by *Heaven is For Real* authors Todd & Sonia Burpo, pictured at the altar prayer time. How gratifying to see that ministry with children is rising to the forefront in many churches, ministry networks and language districts. I did my particular workshop twice—first in English then in Spanish.

Praying for Kids around the World

While itinerating I often mention that when we first went out as missionaries specifically to children people commented that focusing on kids was new. Thankfully, it's not a novelty anymore evidenced by

Training Kids Workers

Another benefit of being in the US for itineration ministry is we can participate with other dedicated kids ministry workers in training and inspirational events. So-Cal Kids Director Robin Garvin invited dozens of us kids ministry leaders to teach workshops at the PowerUp Conference. Over 500



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institution.

- Promotion of the 4/14 Movement in Panamá. Pray that more ministers are motivated to join the movement!

the emphasis on the four to fourteen age group around the world. The Global 4/14 Day of Prayer for "ONE MILLION Christians praying for TWO BILLION children" fell on Sunday April 14, when I happened to be itinerating in New York City. Promise Ministries Korean Church in Flushing, NY spearheads the 4/14 Movement, so I made a point to meet with Director Herman Mendoza, who afforded me the privilege of meeting Rev. Nam Soo Kim (pictured that night). I ended up sharing at his Friday night Korean prayer service. We are so grateful that Rev. Kim will be in Panamá to promote the 4/14 Window Movement at the Ministers Retreat the end of July with our 1000+ ministers.



- Thank God for new/current monthly supporters and new/current contributors toward the cash budget. Pray for provision of what we still lack: \$809 monthly and \$19,882 in cash.

Upcoming

- Beginning in August I serve for one year as Missionary in Residence at Evangel University. Please pray with me that God will call many students to full-time missions service and even many more to be full-time missionary senders for life, whatever their professional calling.
- Itineration continues on weekends, until we return to Panamá summer 2014 .

Family Report

We are so grateful to be

all six together under the same roof for the summer. I hope it shows on our faces in the two pictures celebrating Mother's Day. Yvonne is teaching piano lessons at the new School of Fine Arts, James River Assembly West campus. She and Gracie also rotate as teachers for a third grade class there for children's church.



Chloe

On the family front, after a full year at it Chloe still loves being a nurse. She always has a smile, even after working all night. She adds a ray of sunshine to our home and to her patients, seen here following the Springfield Color Run.



Tony

Tony finished the spring semester of his sophomore year at Evangel U. on the Dean's list working towards his B.A. in elementary education, with a minor in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other

any free time he has.

Celina

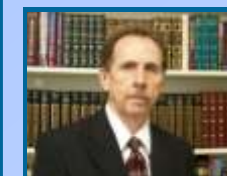
Celina finished her first year studying Biology at Pepperdine U. The classes were hard, and she enjoyed what she was learning. She really grew

Languages). This summer Tony has been working really hard stacking produce at WalMart by day and taking online courses by night, or

close with her suite-mates. Like Tony, she has been working really hard this summer at Braum's (burgers and ice cream) and taking classes at the community college. For the fall semester, she is so excited to do Pepperdine's International Program in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Gracie

Gracie finished her freshman year of high school. She has plugged in to a vibrant life group--part of the church's youth ministry. They study the Bible, discuss topics of interest, and enjoy spending time together. She went with them to the high school summer camp and had a great time.



"American" Profile (usually it's Panamanian)

A truly joyful part of itineration ministry is meeting with pastor friends. I had that pleasure getting to see Pastor Eric Fooks (New Life Assembly of God, California City) in order to catch up on each other's ministry and family and especially to thank him personally for the church's generous and faithful support. Even though their community has struggled through the economic downturn, they had given above and beyond the normal. I thanked him for that. He then shared this encouraging testimony, which he gave me permission to pass along to you.

As in most churches, attendance and offerings are usually larger for Easter Sunday and Christmas. Following last year's Easter Sunday service, the biggest of the year, Pastor Eric felt the Holy Spirit prompt him to split up all of that Sunday offering—tithes, offering and missions commitments—among the church's missionaries. "But Lord," he countered, "that's \$3136 we need to pay the church's bills too!" His hesitation didn't last long, and he instructed the bookkeeper to divvy it up and write the check to Springfield AGWM.

The following Thursday he was alone in the office when he received a call from a woman who insisted she see him. She didn't want to wait to meet at a restaurant or other public place, so they finally agreed to talk in the church parking lot. She rolled down the passenger window, thrust an envelope in Pastor Eric's hand, and said, "God told me to give you this." Just as quickly, she drove off. Inside was a check for \$3600.

At Christmas and the following Easter service the church did the same thing! Pastor Eric and his church testify to what missionary statesman Hudson Taylor said: "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply."

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