

The Jones Journal



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¡A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Joneses!

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Phillips Brooks Lewis H. Redner

*But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the
clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be RULER in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days...*

*4 And he shall stand and
SHEPHERD his flock in the
strength of the LORD,
in the MAJESTY of the name of
the LORD his God...*

5 And HE shall be their PEACE...

Micah 5:2, 4-5
(ESV; emphasis added)

Joy Books

Itineration Ministry Report

A new part of itineration ministry for us has been drop-in visits along the way to or from other churches. Either we drop off our material like Yvonne is doing here, or meet



in person. One such surprise meeting was with Pastor James Davis at Glad Tidings

Church in St. Louis. He was out mowing the church lawn in 90+ degree heat! He graciously scheduled us for a service on the spot; so we got to share



with his wonderful congregation. Sister Loudean spontaneously accompanied Yvonne singing as if they had ministered together for years!



Pastor Gary and Ann Kraft, First Assembly of God in Clinton MO, also graciously scheduled us for a service after we dropped in. The reason?



His heart was already in Panamá! Several years ago he led two construction teams building tabernacle church structures in Panamá's interior and fell in love with the people and the country. During these challenging times they are a vibrant example of an active community church. Many thanks to the church for their prayer and financial support!



Chloe joined my visit to Joplin MO Second Assembly of God with Pastor John & Sharon Veazey. They are faithful servants of the Lord doing a great work in southwestern Missouri. It is gratifying to see that their children engage with missions, thanks to Buddy Barrel and Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge!



The Assembly of God Church in Licking MO is a rural church that is experiencing a

real turnaround. Even though located in a small town, this community church has developed a large scope outreach under the visionary



leadership of Pastor Paul and Julie Richardson. We are grateful that they invited us to join the team of several missionary families for their Missions Convention weekend.

In addition to the churches visited, one example of the many terrific individuals we have gotten to meet is Sabrina Braswell. As Missions Director at James River Church, Springfield MO, she welcomed us to share our missions update with her over a cup of coffee in the church's attractive lobby. We also talked about possible



future team visits from the church to Panamá.

In October we were down for two weeks with COVID, but are now back to 100%. While we are very grateful for loved ones who are also on the road to complete recovery, we ask you to please join us in prayer for pastors, leaders and health officials who are battling the virus individually and publicly.

Upcoming & Prayer Requests

Hopefully you read the "Final Word" first, so you know that we are returning to Panamá mid-January! Thanks to many of YOU! With that in mind, we ask for your prayers for upcoming:

- Distribute relief food among flood victims in the *Ngobe*

Updated 2019-2020 itineration prayer requests:

- WAS \$2,000; NOW \$0 needed in monthly support—PTL!! *
 - WAS \$27,000; NOW \$0 needed in cash budget—PTL!
(extra funds go towards \$50,000 Ngobe Camp infrastructure project)
 - US kids receive Holy Spirit-inspired missionary call
 - Panamá kids become agents of transformation for their generation
- (* to donate recurring or one-time, click QR code in contact info below)



Indian community, joining Pastor Roy Rhodes and team from Alton Abundant Life Church who provided the Convoy of Hope container.

- Adapt to ministry with COVID restrictions.
- Continue past ministries of kids evangelism, teacher training, orphan mentorship, indigenous outreach and start Fine Arts Festivals.
- Find and set up new home and place for ministry too.

Family Report

All six of us will be together for Christmas again! That is an increasingly precious blessing with everyone's busy lives.

Chloe's work at the hospital is going well. She is looking



forward to the holidays! Says she has had the best roomies for the last two months. (We've loved being under the same roof too.)

Tony continues teaching online. He is grateful that Panamá lifted strict quarantine restrictions, opened up more hours. Plus, he bought his first car!



Celina is thankful to be able to do experiments safely full-time. She also partners with volunteers at church to

creatively maintain a youth group in a COVID-friendly manner.

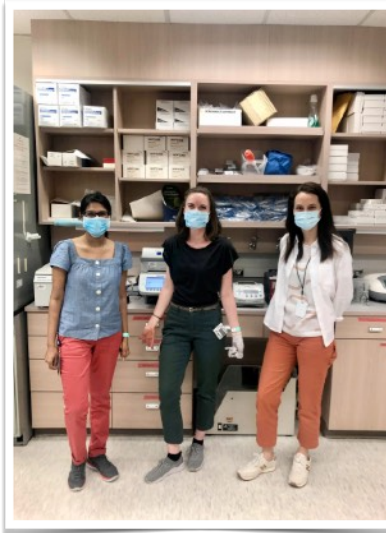


Grace is midway through her six month music therapy internship at a hospice in FL. We got to help her move, then celebrate her birthday!

House-keeping

Please note updates for our contact info (effective mid-January):

- VoIP phone remains ACTIVE: (417) 595-4697.
- Both US cell #s will be DEACTIVATED: Kirk (417) 773-3838, Yvonne (417) 773-1237.
- New Panamá cell phone #s added later.



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A Final Word... actually our first *and* last words: Thank YOU!

We have to say a huge THANK YOU to you, our supporters, friends and family, who during unprecedented times gave above and beyond what would have been expected. First, the cash budget came in stronger and quicker than in past iteration cycles. Secondly, the required monthly support commitments recently topped 100%!

At Licking AG Church Missions Convention you can see that we are dressed & ready for Panamá. Gratefully we can finally report that we are planning to return mid-January! Thanks to many of YOU!

Your faith in God's provision inspires us to trust Him for even greater things!

