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Ministry Report ~ by Kirk

Children's Ministries Centenario Parade

Thanks for those who prayed for great blessing and good weather, even though it still rained (a lit-



tle) on our parade. On Sunday afternoon, April 27th Children's Ministries celebrated Panamá's Centenario (100 year anniversary) with a parade through downtown Panamá City.

Chloe and Kirk hung the Children's Ministries logo on our Speed-The-Light car. Yvonne and the kids added the balloons for decoration. Our car led the group stretching over a dozen city blocks.

We had great support from several groups. The Royal Rangers provided the color guard marching and inside the stadium, joined by the Latin America Childcare Good Shepherd High School band. The Missionettes shown beautifully like flowers in their yellow, pink and blue pastel dresses. Several groups came in traditional dress: the colorful Kuna ladies, the typical Panamanian Pollera, plus boys and girls in costumes from different provinces.

Gracie helped hand out the sodas to the marchers entering the Stadium, along with Anthony, Celina, and Chloe, coordinated by Yvonne. The closing ceremony was a *Clamor*, which means a prayer crying out to God. We prayed with and for the children of Panamá to be reached and disciplined for Jesus, and, per our national slogan, that children reach



children. We were grateful for the visit of our National Superintendent, Rev. Lowell David, and for the hard work of our national committee leaders—Fani de Quinzada, Manuel Miranda and especially our secretary Dallis Quiñones (last issue's Panamanian Profile).

We were pleasantly surprised the next day to see a back cover story by the DIA a DIA daily newspaper. The article was entitled: "Children's songs make the streets happy!" (see web site "Ministry" section for full parade report and pictures)

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Project Compassion Medical Clinic



Jack and Cyndi Bradbury started Project Compassion about 11 years ago. They connect US doctors, nurses and support people with missionaries and nationals around the world to hold free

medical clinics for the most needy in the name of Jesus. We first met during our past deputation and began plans for this trip. If you'd like more information feel free to visit their website at www.projectcompassion.org.

During the first week and a half of June we held clinics with two churches. The first was in *Cerro Batea Adentro* working with the *Emberá* Indian "ghetto" in Panamá City. Our Pastora was Martina de Quinzada.



This picture illustrates missionary collaboration: the missionary coordinates US team to local pastor-church ministry working with community leaders. Pictured are: *Embera* mayor Sr. Manuel Quintana, neighborhood president Sra. Anayansi Bacarizo with her baby, Pastora Martina de Quinzada (see Panamanian Profile), Project Compassion's Assistant Director John Eastham and Director-founder Cyndi Bradbury.

Project Compassion is very organized using the following stations: Registration, Vital Signs, Examination, Treatment, Prayer-Counseling, and Pharmacy. Each of the five doctor-examiners attended 1 patient every 6 minutes, ministering to over 1400 during the five clinic days.

Each person received personal



counsel and prayer, plus Light for the Lost (LFTL) evangelistic tracts, with New Testaments per family, and the gospel of John edition for new believers. My Bible School student (from last newsletter) Danilo Saéz headed up the Evangelism station.

This team was great to work with. Their attitude and skills reflected Christ's love. In the group photo we are at the View Point for the Bridge of the Americas on our way out to Santiago.

Children's Ministries Leadership Seminar ~ Chitré

We continue training leaders who work with children. Pictured is our secretary Dallis Quiñones involving her "class" in a seminar on "Utilizing the Resources at Hand" at a recent seminar in Chitré. Christian Education National Director Ruth Steele also traveled with us.



Part of my seminar addressed evangelizing children who lack a father figure. I was surprised at the response. Many people wanted copies of the notes. The

word spread, so we have scheduled more seminars on the same topic. Pray for fathers to love and nurture their children in the Lord.

PRAYER

- Ministering to our Minister's children at the Annual Retreat, 20-23 July.
- New facilities for Crossroads Bible Church, which houses Crossroads Christian Academy, our younger kids' school.

PRAISE

- Our kids all ended the school year well, in good health, with good grades and with good friends.

Panamanian Profile

Since you've seen her name in the past two team reports, I'd like to introduce Pastora Martina de Quinzada. Yvonne and I first met her and her husband as Bible school students. They were always cheerful and felt a call to missions.



Martina was miraculously saved from a lifestyle of bar-hopping and dancing. Unfortunately, her marriage has ended and her husband is in jail. She cares for her infirm father.

Despite such trials, God has convinced her He could use her to do missions here in Panamá City. Several years of faithful struggle have produced a small but growing congregation among *Emberá* Indians, transplanted in the capital from their home in the *Darién* jungle.

(see Ministry and Teams section on our website for detailed reports)

UPCOMING

- Children’s Encounter (Praise & Talent), in honor of the *Centenario*, in Chiriquí 26 July and in Central Provinces 11 October.
- Riverside Family Praise Fellowship ministry team to Duíma, 15-25 August.

Family Report ~ by Yvonne

Ahh...summertime, every kid’s dream. A time for kids to relax and enjoy no schoolwork and a time for moms to work hard so they don’t become couch potatoes. I got out my book A Mother’s Manual for Summer

Survival for some guidance. One of the chapters is “300 Things to Do When Kids Say, ‘I’m Bored!’” That should help.

The past two summers we were itinerating so we traveled practically the whole summer. A summer staying at home actually sounds refreshing. The Lord impressed upon my heart that our



time together as a whole family will be coming to a close within a few short years. Many MKs go to the States for the summer to

work since employment is hard to find in other countries. These next two months are a precious gift of time for our family to make the most of.

Chloe

Chloe is maintaining her sugar fast. August 25th will complete her year and she can “ca\$h in” on her bet to her parents.



Anthony

Anthony and Celina started piano lessons again, much to their dismay. Amazing, with all the complaining, Anthony was eager to play “Ode to Joy” for a friend who came over. Keep your kids practicing—some day it will pay off.



Celina

Celina is preparing for an “art show” where she will display her creations in our home. When Celina gets an idea in her head, there is no stopping her.



Gracie

Gracie’s Spanish class sang the “itsy, bitsy araña (spider)” at the kindergarten graduation. She doesn’t speak much Spanish at home, but when she arrives at class she slides right into the language practicing what she knows.



Get To Know Panamá

The Ruins of “Old Panamá”

Panamá La Vieja (“Old Panamá”) was founded 15 August 1519 by Pedrarias Davila as the first Spanish settlement on the Pacific side of the Americas. Eventually the colonial settlement flourished thanks to the flow of gold from Perú, through Portobelo and Panamá, then on to the “Old World.”

The town boasted over 10,000 residents by 1671, when it was destroyed by the Pirate Sir Henry Morgan. While sacking and burning, an ingenuous priest approached Morgan and begged for money to help his “small, poor church.” The pirate, impressed with his courage, gave him some gold pieces and passed by the cathedral. The sneaky priest had painted black the exquisite altar of gold that remains today as one of the few original colonial pieces.

Rumor has it that as the Pirate Morgan left with overloaded ships, they promptly sank and disappeared. If ever found, though, the gold has already been claimed by the Panamanian government (so don’t get your hopes up, treasure hunters!).

The Spanish government relocated the city a few miles westward, where it was more defensible. That is the heart of modern day Panamá City home to the Presidential Palace, *El Palacio de las Garzas* (the Palace of the Herons).

Sadly, for many decades, the crumbling walls of Old Panamá were used for building materials by nearby squatters. In 1976 it was declared a protected historic site. Since 1995 a non-profit group has sponsored the site and funds reconstruction and archeological projects.

The Ruins of Old Panamá are a must-see when you visit Panamá. We look forward to giving you the tour!

A Final Word

Panamá has appeared on the world stage recently celebrating her 100 year anniversary:

- Billy Graham aired a special edition Easter Evangelism TV program, including New York Yankee MVP Mariano Rivera.
- Benny Hinn Ministries held a special Crusade, and will return again in November.
- The Miss Universe pageant was held here last month.
- The next Survivor TV series will take place in the Pearl Islands.



Wouldn't it be great if Panamá also became known this year for a great move of God among the children, parents and grandparents? Let's believe God for it!



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