

A Final Word

The theme verse for the Christmas Crusade fits well here:

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be on His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isa 9:6 MKJV)



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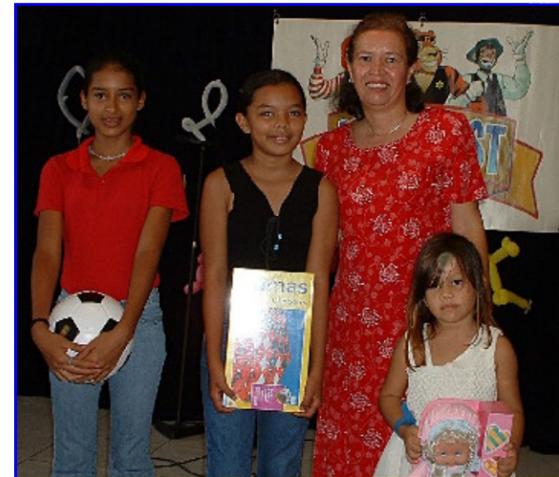
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Ministry Report ~ by Kirk

KidsQuest Crusade in Bugaba

KidsQuest Crusade Goes West, to Bugaba in the Chiriquí province. Pictured are Edilma de Villarreal, our regional Rep., and the visitor campaign winners with their prizes.



Edilma and her husband Alfredo have been good friends ever since we first moved to Panamá.

The sanctuary was almost full each Crusade service. We estimated

We had car trouble on the trip out, which resulted in one mechanic praying to receive Jesus with us after hearing the gospel from our team. We rejoice that our inconvenience resulted in a blessing in this man's life.

Children's Ministries Leaders Seminar - VBS



over 300 each service, with about 75 first-timers. Some of them are seen here praying to receive Jesus.

Since summer is coming soon for us--January and February--we used the November seminar to promote the use of AGWM's Resource and Development Ministries Vacation Bible School (VBS) curriculum. Plus we gave away 35 complete packs, and several with the student handbooks. I believe you can see the appre-



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ciation on the faces of the blessed teachers who now have excellent material to use to reach and disciple the children of their communities this summer. Your contributions to Light-for-the-Lost made this give-away possible. Thanks!

Kuna Indian Children's Ministries Vigil

"Getting there is half the fun," right? Well, not quite. We took a team to visit Arraijan for an all-night vigil celebrating and praying for their children's ministries. The mud was slipperier than _____ (you fill in the blank with your favorite saying). The Speed-the-Light van had to be pushed by some youth to reach the second to last hill. We walked the rest of the way in the rain.

You've heard Isaiah 52:7: *How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger bringing good news, Breaking the news that all's well, proclaiming good times, announcing salvation, telling Zion, "Your God reigns!"*

Well, we brought good news, all right. After trudging through mud that stuck to my wingtip shoes and gave me about 3 inches more height, I'm pretty sure it's not the shoes that are



beautiful. I could still preach that "Our God reigns!" even after I fell down in that slippery mud.

Bible School Graduation



Here are two proud Bible School graduates, and one pleased Advisor. You may remember Adela de Giroldi (right) from last newsletter Panamanian Profile. As her Bible school Advisor we ministered at the inauguration service at *Boca La Caja*. They hold weekly classes for at-risk kids: Bible songs and teaching, games, snacks and help with homework.

Another children's ministry project where we advised is with Maricela Salazar (left) in *Arraijan*. Please pray for these children's workers, and others, as Children's Ministries spreads its roots here in Panamá.

PRAY for UPCOMING

- KidsQuest Crusade on 4 December with a Christmas flavor at *Centro Misionero Cristiano*, home church to our

secretary, Carolina Canto. Pray that many children will receive the "Best Gift of All!" -- salvation in Jesus Christ!

- In January the AG in Panamá celebrates the Annual Business Session. Since it's summer vacation, many children will come with their parents. Our team gets to minister with them. Please pray for life-changing encounters with Jesus for these precious PKs and MKs.

I trust you found the enclosed bookmark. I guess you could call it a stretched-out prayer card. We figured it was time to update the family picture. Plus we want to express our thanks for your financial and prayer support--and humbly request more of both! Feel free to contact us for more details on prayer needs or how you can contribute to our ministry.

Family Report ~ by Yvonne

Chloe

Like most teenagers, Chloe is super-involved in school and church. She's the starting center for the high school basketball team, shown here warming up for a recent game. That doesn't stop her from also substituting as defense on the soccer team. Plus she competes on the debate team. At church she plays keyboard in the youth worship band. She and Anthony had an awesome



time at fall camp.

Anthony

Anthony turned twelve years old -- officially "pre-teen" he now tells us. His classmate Fernando joined us to enjoy a giant birthday cookie, made



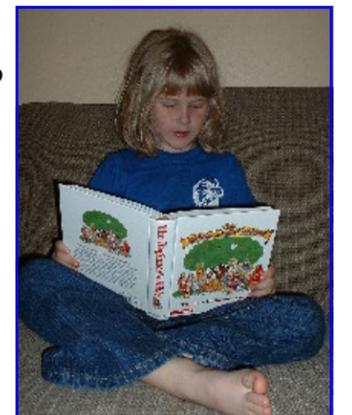
especially by Mom. It's especially special, because it has no sugar. He and Celina are now on the sugar fast for the entire school year, like Chloe did last year. He also loves any and all sports he can play



who spins gold from straw and then marries the prince) in an adaptation of the play *Rumpelstiltskin*. Anthony played Osgood Grindstone, her father. Their hard work paid off and they did a fantastic job with all their classmates. The rehearsal parties and the final cast pool party were a lot of fun too!

Gracie

Gracie continues to keep us in stitches--her teacher too. At the conference her teacher told us she almost laughs out loud at Gracie's sense of humor. She also continues to learn, especially reading. It's been



a real joy to see her, and listen to her, reading her own Children's Bible.

Get To Know Panamá

For the first time in Panamá's 100 year history, the national soccer team qualifies for the second round towards the World Cup! This is a big deal here, as FIFA's website says,

"A team qualifies for the final stages of qualification for FIFA World Cup Germany 2006 and thousands of people pour onto the streets. Nothing unusual there -- except on Wednesday night (11/17/04) it happened in Panama. The Central American country is not usually thought of as football crazy but its three million inhabitants are celebrating their team's efforts. For the first time Panama has qualified for the final stage of qualification for the World Cup."

19 November 2004 by FIFAworldcup.com

Remember our last issue complaining about Immigration? We thankfully report that our one year missionary visa came through! No more "ughs!" until later next year!

with his friends at school, especially American football (not to be confused with *futbol*, which we call "soccer").

Celina

Here you see Celina as Pettie Grindstone (the miller's daughter

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