

A Final Word

Happy Independence Day, USA!

Freedom is not the right to do what we want, but what we ought.
Let us have faith that right makes might and in that faith let us; to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.

Abraham Lincoln [1-Famous-Quotes.com]

Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand! Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you.

Jesus [Galatians 5:1 The Message]



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Ministry Report ~ by Kirk

It's our privilege to be able to report back what the faithful prayers and financial support of many of you have accomplished as we minister among Panamá's children. This report wouldn't even be possible without your support, so we thank you very much!



KidsQuest Crusade Reports:

• **Arraijan (5/07)**

Pastora Carmen Adames was a Bible School student of mine and is now pastoring her own church in Arraijan.

She started the church going door-to-door carrying a backpack with puppets, snacks and tracts inviting children to a Bible study class. Many children got saved and later brought their parents to the meetings.

Her team did a great job motivating the kids in her community for the KidsQuest Crusade. She led some of the opening choruses, as seen here. About 300 children attended in total, roughly half being visitors to the church. The response at the altar call for salvation was wonderful to see.

• **Ocú (6/07)**

Early June we held our Kids-

Quest Crusade in Ocú, province of Herrera. Our host Pastor, Rev. David Cruz, has been serving this small, rural village for over 20 years. It's nestled in the flatlands of the middle of Panama, about an hour off the Interamerican highway.

We made a couple adjustments: Carolina Canto became our girl clown, Ling, and I did the Gospel Illusions. On Saturday we held the first two crusade services back-to-back since many children wouldn't be able to return for the afternoon session. There were 46 church kids and 81 new visitors! On Sunday there were 59 regulars and 110 new visitors for a total two-day attendance of 286.



Here you see the visitor campaign winners along with our team. What touched me the most of this crusade was Pastor Cruz tenderly leading the

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dozens of new young believers in the sinner's prayer at the close Sunday morning. You can see that scene in the online video report on our Media page.

Leadership Seminars

Recent topics we've covered at our monthly Children's Ministries Leadership seminars include:

- Scripture Memorization Tricks and Techniques
- Helping Teachers Deal with Difficult Temperments (a big hit, since it's a big need)

One of the reasons that Assemblies of God churches here grow and multiply so well is the constant preparation of lay leaders and workers. Every year, in addition to the Retreat for our credentialed ministers, there is also a retreat for church Deacons and Lay Leaders. Due to growth, this year it multiplied into two retreats. Seen here is the one in the *Chiriquí* province where I shared with over 250 leaders and deacons on "Supervision of Lay Leaders in the Local Church."



It's hard to believe that four years have already gone by this third term. It's also hard to

believe that many churches are scheduling missionaries one and even two years in advance. So, we are too. You can schedule a missionary service with us online at www.jonesjournal.org and click "Itineration." Or contact us by phone, FAX, e-mail or letter. We look forward to getting together!

Prayer

- Our Treasurer and *Ling* clown, Dallis Quiñones, was named pastor in *Chilibre*, so please pray for successful ministry for her and the church.
- Also, please pray for us, because now we need to train a new *Ling*!

Praise

- Finances are looking up! Thanks for joining us in last issue's prayer request. Our missionary account is slowly climbing into the black again.
- We finally have our one-year missionary visa approved, thanks to your prayers and also to lawyer Jaime Choy (see last issue) and good friend Tito Wong (see Panamanian Profile).

Upcoming

- We'll be with our Minis-

ter's children 29 July - 1 August at the Annual Worker's Retreat.

- Our next KidsQuest Crusade will be in *Metetí, Darién* province in August.

Family Report ~ by Yvonne

We celebrated our 23rd wedding anniversary with a wonderful weekend getaway. We were treated to a delicious meal, and thoroughly enjoyed



just being alone together.

Our "youth" kids had an amazing week in Costa Rica

Panamanian Profile

Let me introduce Jacinto "Tito" Wong.

We've known Tito and his family since the first day I drove into Panamá. In fact, I slept at his house the first few days before Yvonne (pregnant with Anthony) and Chloe flew in from language school in Costa Rica.

His kids come to our kids' birthday parties. His daughter and Chloe were in the same small group. Anthony and his son are classmates and good buds.

Tito has worked in the President's office, and chief of Security for the Canal, among other things. Along with our lawyer (see last issue) we owe him a huge thanks for helping clear up the problem at Immigration. Thanks, Tito!



at the AG Latin America MK Retreat, shown here with their best buds the Castleberry kids from Belize. The facilities at *La Montaña* campground were great--muddy soccer field, survival jungle trail, delicious cafeteria food, all with a cool, damp climate. The worship and ministry times brought them closer to God. The activities were totally fun--very competitive dodge ball, hot springs field trip, team-building challenges, and time just to hang out with old

and new friends.

It did our heart good to hear the kids share with us late into the night of how much they appreciate being Assemblies of God MKs. Our deep appreciation goes out to the ISMK staff for their dedication and love on behalf of our MKs. Our kids thank you for all the candy!

Chloe

Chloe finished her junior year strong. She prepared for and took the SAT test. We're all glad it's over for her. Her school held a yearend banquet, and she won the centerpiece--a beta fish in a bowl. It's still alive. She was elected National Honor Society Vice President. She has plans to

make NHS a lot more fun next year.

Tony (aka Anthony)

Even though we named him "Kirk Anthony" after his Dad, his friends have dubbed him "Tony." So, why fight it? From now on you'll read about him as "Tony."

He and Chloe ministered as counselors at the Big Kids retreat (for Gracie's age--she totally

loved it!) with the theme "Got God?"

Celina

Celina played sweet little old lady Aunt Martha, in "Arsenic & Old Lace." She's glad it's over but says it was enjoyable while it lasted.



Celina turns the big thirTEEN this month. Having a summertime birthday is a real bummer, especially since all of her friends leave town for the summer. So she invited them for an overniter just after the school year ended where they watched movies and YouTube all night. She even made her own birthday cake!

Get To Know Panamá

Happy 40th Birthday, Assemblies of God Panamá!

The AG in Panamá had their formal beginning the 13th of June, 1967, with missionaries David and Doris Godwin, and Evangelist Richard Jefferys, in a big red and white tent located in Vista Hermosa, Panamá City, which soon had 700 people in attendance. More than 150 believers were baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Since those exciting beginnings, the AG in Panamá has grown to:

- 1800+ credentialed ministers
- 800+ congregations
- 80,000+ total membership
- 28 primary & 3 secondary LACC schools
- Hosanna Christian University
- 13 Teen Challenge centers
- 5 radio stations
- 1 TV station
- 5 family campgrounds

Join us in proclaiming our national slogan: ¡Panamá Para Cristo! Panamá For Jesus!

[taken from 40th Anniversary Historical Review; available on our website in English & Español]



Gracie

Gracie was on the "Battle of the Books" team from school. They had to read 17 books, remember details from them, and memorize the title and the author to answer the questions. Her favorite of the books was Be A Perfect Person in Just Three Days by Stephen Manes.

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