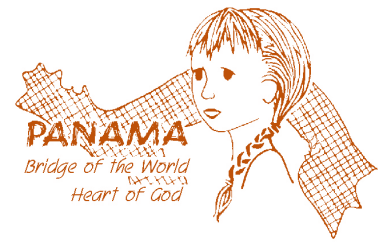


The Jones Journal



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AGWM Missionaries to the Children of Panamá

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On a shelf is a binder of past newsletters, now about three inches thick. Every once in a while we look back through it and reminisce. Years from now I wonder what we will think looking back at this unique season in life and ministry. Hopefully we'll see our hope shining through the darkness of despair.

Itineration Ministry Report

Before curtailing itineration travel, we got to meet new friends in churches and also reconnect with long-time supporters and friends. Here's a sample:

Banning, CA, Highland Springs Fellowship AG Pastors Jerry & Val Westholder.

January was the regional tour here in the Southern California Ministry Network (SoCal is Kirk's district; Yvonne is credentialed in the Southern Missouri District Council). At one stop Val Westholder



reminded us of our early years itinerating in churches and kids camps where Yvonne sang "Through His Eyes" and Kirk did the "Missionary Rap." She said her daughter wore out the cassette! Well, we got to see Rachel soon after while visiting her parents' church. Pastors Jerry & Val are doing a great job

ministering to their community and graciously invited us to share our heart for Panamá's kids.



Colorado Springs, CO, Radiant Church, Pastors Todd & Kelly Hudnall.

Speaking with a prophetic voice for our time, Pastors Kelly and Todd Hudnall lead a church of growth and dynamic impact for our nation and world. A highlight of the weekend was when the Rad Kids (awesome kidsmin name!) prayed for us following the service where we challenged them to consider a missionary call on their lives.



Hood River, OR, River of Life Assembly, Pastors Terry & Janelle Abbot.



The first time we met Terry and Janelle was as teenagers at Southern California College (Vanguard U.) on a visit before enrolling. They were as gracious and kind then as they are now as experienced and committed pastors. Twice they brought a team to Panamá, ministering powerfully in music and preaching the Word. These are choice servant leaders!

COVID-19 Ministry Report

I endeavor to make this temporary isolation a time for Christ to minister in and through us in new ways. Hence the title "COVID-19 Ministry Report."

First off, please know that we recognize the suffering, pain,

and loss suffered by many dear friends. We also celebrate the victories and praise reports.

Prime example is the miraculous recovery of our AGWM Executive Director Rev. Greg Mundis, along with other dear missionary colleagues. From death's door, through the fervent effectual prayers of God's people, they are recovering. Praise God!

We also celebrate the good reports of many

more people tuning in to church services online than previously attended in person and many responding to the gospel like never before. We are believing for a third great awakening in our nation and around the world!

During the present COVID-19 social distancing God inspired me to increase my social media connection by re-telling some of the stories we have shared over years of our life, family and ministry that "Give GOD



the Glory," in English (#GiveGODglorystory) & Spanish (#gloriaaDIOShistoria).

I plan to continue posting each new episode on Thursdays (#TBT). To receive updates, we invite you to follow on the social media platform of your choice (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter: @kirkajones). You can see the growing video collection in the Vimeo showcase by scanning this QR code.



Since in-person visits have not been possible, we use phone and Zoom calls, and have made missionary presentation videos of different lengths as a replacement to our normal itineration travels. On our

Updated 2019-2020 itineration prayer requests:

- WAS \$2,000; NOW \$913 needed in monthly support *
- 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)

website promotional page, you can find links to our missionary profile, pictures, and the collection of videos for you to choose. Simply scan the QR code.



Please join us in praying for our Panamá AG leadership, pastors, churches and members. Many staff personnel are furloughed; churches meet virtually, or not at all; strict quarantine measures cost many people their jobs and income. Despite these hardships, training and instruction continues via Facebook live and Zoom meetings, for those who have access. The 4/14 window movement (*Ventana 4/14*) focusing on children ages 4 to 14 is “raising up a new generation in Panamá, and the rest of the world!”



Once we are able to return to minister in Panama, we will have to figure out how to make use of these new technologies, and combine them with time-

honored “old-fashioned” methods. We pray daily for wisdom how best to proceed right now here in the US and once back in our beloved Panamá.

Good news update: government reports restrictions to lift beginning June!

Family Report

Since we are spread out, we treasure the times our whole family can be together, like this past Christmas & New

Celina: Now that working from home has ended, she is looking forward to doing experiments again and preparing for online teaching opportunities this summer.

Tony: Living in Panamá, he teaches special ed at an international school. The past few months have been online, from his studio apartment. Quarantine restrictions allowed him to get out two days a week for two hours at a time, and just added a third day.



Years! So naturally the first thing we do is take a bathroom selfie, right?

Grace: She finished the final semester of her senior year in college, although not how she originally planned, but classes are now done! The next step on becoming a music therapist is a six month internship.

Chloe: COVID-19 restrictions decreased her nursing workload, but recently have increased. In May her family and friends were able to completely surprise her for her 30th Birthday with a full day of “visits” from across the country and around the world—virtually or socially distanced!

A Final Word... “unprecedented”

Merriam-Webster defines it: "having no precedent: NOVEL, UNEXAMPLED.”

Synonyms: fresh, new, novel, original, strange, unaccustomed, unfamiliar, unheard-of, unknown.

Antonyms: familiar, hackneyed, old, time-honored, tired, warmed-over.

If the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic is an “unprecedented” event, then may we allow God to do something fresh, new, novel, and original in us to replace our old, tired, warmed-over and perhaps familiar way of doing things.

*Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.* Isaiah 43:19 (ESV)

We plan to be in Missouri for July and in California for August. However, comparing our past travel plans versus actual, we humbly ask you to pray with us as we trust God to guide. Thanks for all your prayers and your financial support! BLESSINGS!

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