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A Final Word

You cannot starve a man who is feeding on God's promises.

E.C. Olsen

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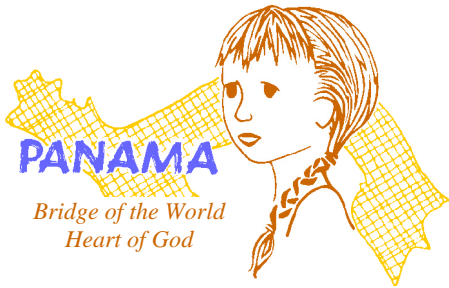
But you, dear friends, carefully build yourselves up in this most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit, staying right at the center of God's love, keeping your arms open and outstretched, ready for the mercy of our Master, Jesus Christ. This is the unending life, the real life!

Jude 1:20-21, The Message

Thank you to our friends,
family and partners for your
faithful prayers and financial
support that mean so much
and make what we report in
these newsletters possible.
Lord bless you for it!

Kirk for all the family

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Ministry Report ~
by Kirk

We hope you are having a great 2008 so far! Here's a bit of what we've been up to:

KidsQuest Crusades

- Christmas Crusade, Panamá (12/07)

Our team presented the fourth annual Christmas Crusade with the theme "Jesus, save my Panamanian People." We were blessed to have seven local churches bring their chil-

dren to minister in song, instruments, rap and typical folkloric dance.



In particular, this little blind girl, Cristal, played her air piano which hushed the crowd in admiration. It was a most solemn moment that morning.

Over 500 children attended. In

addition to receiving the best gift--the Good News of Jesus--each one received a special picture storybook of Jesus.

- San Diego de Pacora, Eastern zone (1/08)

January's KidsQuest Crusade was in San Diego de Pacora, with host Pastor Adán Acosta. Some of the kids from the Sunday morning crusade gathered around our team for this farewell picture.

- San José, Western zone (2/08)

Our host pastor was Antonio Graell, district presbyter and along with our zone Rep.



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Edilma de Villarreal set things up smoothly. Total attendance was over 200 children, plus their families.

- *Uvito*, Central zone (3/08)

Our host pastor, Heriberto Pinzón, did a great job bringing in kids from nearby communities, along with coordination from our zone Rep. Rigoberto Mitchell. Being such a rural area it was great to see over 100 children each crusade. Our three visitor campaign winners seen here accounted for over half of the total attendance!



Annual Session

In early January we ministered with our minister's children during the annual business session. You can see



Diarina here during recreation time. In the mornings, we taught on the Sword of the Spirit, the Power

of Prayer and Worship, and the Power of the Holy Spirit.

In the evenings we enjoyed movies and popcorn. They especially enjoyed the movie "Facing the Giants." I was pleasantly surprised, because I wasn't sure how they would respond to a "football" movie that wasn't about soccer.

Annual Guaymí Family Retreat

This year over 4000 attended with more than 700 in our children's classes! There were 71 new believers baptized on

the last day. Several tons of food and clothes were distributed by Convoy of Hope. Special thanks to Pastor Roy Rhodes and his team from First AG in Paola, KS. We invite you to see the video on our website Media page.



We welcome you to schedule a visit for our upcoming itineration July 08 - July 09 on our website Itineration page.

Prayer

- Please pray for our team continuing here in Panamá during the year of our itineration ministry. Carolina Canto is interim director of Children's Ministries and will do a great job.

Praise

- After this month's excellent seminar by Manuel & Juan Carlos I came home thanking God for the quality team members He has allowed me to work with.

Upcoming

- The next KidsQuest Crusades are in *Santa Cruz & Boquete* both in May, then in the Central zone in June.

Family Report ~ by Yvonne



Kirk & I both celebrated birthdays the first few months of the year. We all enjoyed the Greek barbecue at "Jimmy's," as you can see here.

Chloe

Chloe is keeping busy looking forward to upcoming graduation and then starting college at Evangel University. She's also been finishing up the school yearbook taking pictures, editing and laying out pages.

Chloe and her school soccer team played a tournament in



cayuco race. They did great, especially for an all rookie crew, placing 7th out of 12 in their category (120 boats in all). Total time was 5:52:08 for the 43 miles. You can see a music video on our website Media page.

Celina

El Salvador, facing teams from El Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Panama. Even though they didn't place, she had a lot of fun with her friends, but that's obvious!

Tony

Tony and his "Lone Star" teammates are pictured here after the third and final day of paddling in the Ocean-2-Ocean



Thank you for praying for Celina's eye that had a bad



infection. She still has scar tissue, but with glasses (no contacts for awhile) she can see clear enough to read well both close and far away. That hasn't stopped her at all from lots of reading and practicing her creative arts in pencil and paint.

Gracie

Gracie has continued with piano lessons and been playing special music



in school chapel services. Here she's pictured in front of the castle backdrop for the church's Royal Ball for Pretty Princesses and Noble Knights.

Get To Know Panamá



As we shared in our 5/06 issue when Chloe first paddled, the Ocean-to-Ocean *cayuco* race dates back to 1954 and the Boy Scouts. Frank Townsend (Panama Canal Co.) taught the boys about indigenous culture and in particular how they made *cayuco* dugout canoes from trees. They decided to race what they had made, and the rest is 55 years of history.

Now you can find more complete history, photos, videos and race results on the new CayucoPedia site [www.cayucorace.org/cayucopedia/].

2008 slogan appears on the 55th anniversary patch: "Mind over body and heart over mind."

A little *cayuco* jargon you *won't* find on CayucoPedia is the official 2008 Lone Star slogan: "shut up and paddle!"

