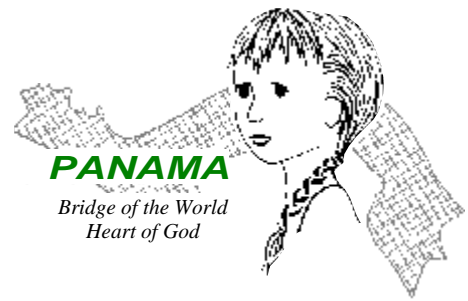


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Ministry Report ~ by Kirk

Chiriquí Centenario Celebration

In the Chiriquí province, just shy of 200 children came to-



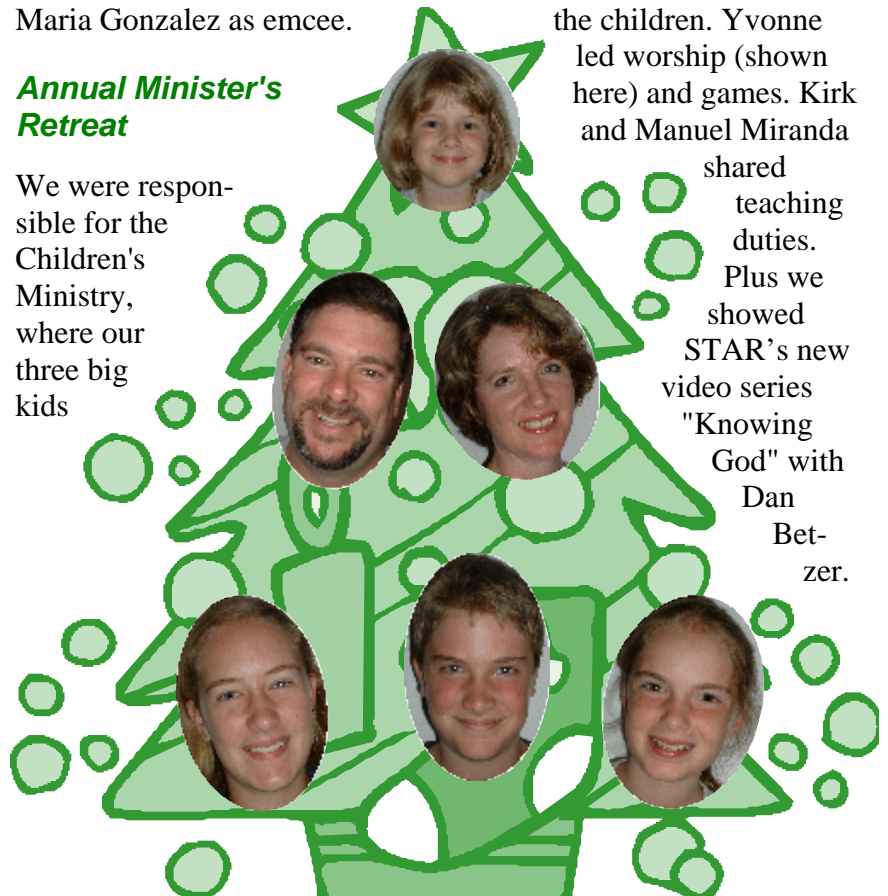
gether worshipping, celebrating Panamá's 100th birthday and showing their patriotism through song, poetry, drama, choreography and national costume. The three young ladies pictured are wearing the informal *pollera montuna*. Our rep. Edilma de Villarreal did a great job organizing along with the host church's children's ministry leader Maria Gonzalez as emcee.



Annual Minister's Retreat

We were responsible for the Children's Ministry, where our three big kids

helped doing puppets, handing out snacks and mingling with the children. Yvonne led worship (shown here) and games. Kirk and Manuel Miranda shared teaching duties. Plus we showed STAR's new video series "Knowing God" with Dan Betzer.



Merry Christmas from the Joneses!

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Riverside Family Praise Fellowship team



They did a great job on their "rookie" missions adventure, thanks to Youth Pastor Keven Petty and Missions Coordinator Lynda Botsford.

They traveled to the LACC school and church in Duíma where they held a basic medical clinic for children and adults, providing vitamins, cold/pain meds, worm and lice treatment. They gave a toothbrush/paste to each child and the AG HealthCare Ministries booklet "You Can Be Healthy." They poured the concrete floor in one classroom, plus leveled the dirt floors in the three rooms of the parsonage. The team provided funds to finish the roof.

(Check out in-depth photo reports at www.jonesjournal.org Teams, including Pastor Michael Etteddgue team report.)

Miracle of the Second Hut - Part 2

We visited some of the nearby homes in Duíma. Halfway through our tour I realized we were in front of the same two houses from our first visit in 5/95 and reported in our 4/96 newsletter as "The Miracle of

the Second Hut." The family in the first hut didn't want to speak because their 6-month old baby died the day before. The family in the second hut all prayed to accept Jesus. Now here's the continuation of that story.

You're looking at Samuel, Vielkita, Betsaida, Miguel & Darío in front of theirs,



the second hut. All attend the school, church services and receive daily meals.

At the first hut, Pastor César told us the mother had lost a couple more babies after the one that had just died when first we visited. He also told us that this family, and others, practiced a form of animistic religious tradition. They had received some books with strange inscriptions. They believed that one day they would be enabled magically to understand them. Following each death, Pastor César held a Christian funeral service for the family. As they accepted the gospel, they wanted to get rid of their religious books.

They burned them along with the chapel-shrine that had been used for their animistic traditions.

Since that event, the "first hut" family has had two new babies born--and both are still alive! That's the power of the Gospel Message of Jesus! Pastor César, and his son César Abdías, are standing in front of the empty lot that was the chapel-shrine.

New Children's Ministries Office Dedicated

We dedicated the recently re-modeled office--converted from a kitchen. It is designed for multi-use: daily by our secretary Dallis Quiñones, myself and other committee members; monthly for seminars up to 50 people; and

Panamanian Profile

Fani de Quinzada has been a member of our Children's Ministries National Committee for the past several years. She has served in Christian Education for many more years.

Fani and her husband José have one grown daughter. I first met them doing a teacher training at the church where they were CE directors. We also did a kids camps way back in our first term.

Shown here after our monthly training seminar on the topic "Changing the Lifestyle of Abused Children."





other meetings as needed. Thanks to supporting churches and individuals for providing this ministry resource. Pictured are Ruth Steele praying for Kirk, Fani de Quinzada (see Panamanian Profile), Manuel Miranda and Ana Tajú. In foreground is Flori Pino of Royal Rangers.

Prayer

- Please pray that our financial pledge support will

Get To Know Panamá

The Assemblies of God of Panamá celebrates its 36th Anniversary this year. A few notes that I found interesting were the following. We have:

- 1000 credentialed ministers
- 700 churches, annexes, campaigns and preaching points
- 15 Bible Institutes and extensions (IBAD)
- 18 Latin America Child-care (LACC) schools
- 25 consecutive years with Rev. Lowell David as Superintendent (longest term in Latin America)

not decay as is typical, but rather increase.

- Pray also that God will bring together the right mix of leaders for the KidsQuest training next year to continue the ministry afterwards.

Praise

- God healed Rosa's shoulder after we prayed for her during Family Night.
- Moved into Children's Ministries Office.

Upcoming

- November is Panamá's Patriotic Month with many 100 year Anniversary celebrations.
- KidsQuest International is coming next year March - April to hold training and a crusade in conjunction with our second annual Children's Ministries Parade.

Family Report ~ by Yvonne

Chloe

Chloe was invited to join Balboa Academy's High School team at a tournament in Costa Rica. It proved to be a stretching experience for her--they lost all their tournament games, but did win a consolation match. She was named her team's MVP. Another time at school, she prayed with a girl to receive Jesus.

Anthony

Anthony enjoys MSN Messenger chatting



and playing games. Sometimes it's with his sister or dad in the next room; other times with a friend across town; and occasionally someone in the US. He just began playing flag football.

Celina

Kiwi (newest member of the family) loves to sleep on Celina's bed, whether she's in it or not. Celina has bonded closest to Kiwi the cat and Rookie the dog. She continues creating art (visit her online art gallery at www.jonesjournal.org) and will start up art lessons again soon.



Gracie

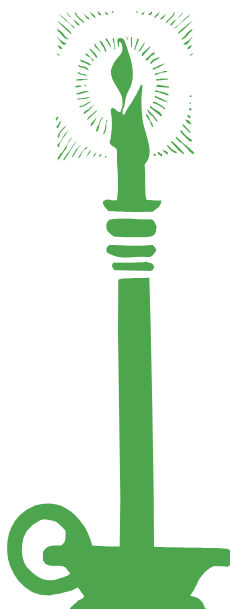
Gracie recently turned 5! And then turned into Spiderman. It was definitely a theme--as you can see here in her costume. I wish we could have captured her on video with the whole suit plus the gloves that made noise when she slung her web!



A Final Word

Yvonne had the creative idea to make pumpkin self-portraits during Family Night. Can you guess which of us made each one? The first correct answer we receive wins a prize! No, it's not a pledge form! Please include your name and address (mail & e-mail).

Good luck!



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