

## A Final Word

*Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving Message into the night so I'll have good cause to be proud of you on the day that Christ returns. You'll be living proof that I didn't go to all this work for nothing.*

Phil. 2:15-16 The Message

Thank you for praying that God might provide fresh air to Panama's children. Thank you for partnering with us to carry the Gospel Message into dark places. Thank you for giving to the Lord.



Pastor William Pitty and friend in Bocas.

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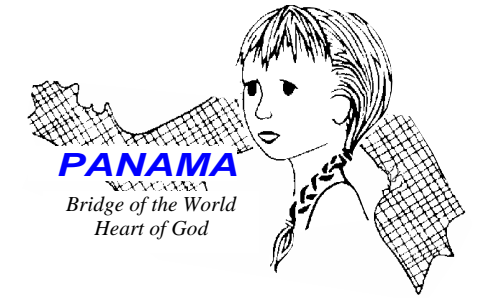
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Missionaries to the Children of Panamá

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## Ministry Report ~ by Kirk

## KidsQuest Crusades



## Arraijan

We've created a hybrid ministry tool that we call "Kids-

Quest Lite," a one-time crusade event, with a smaller, more mobile team. Recently we were in Arraijan, just a little west across the Canal from Panama City. Here you see a boy receiving his

first edition of the PowerMark Seeker Series comic books. I don't have the pics to prove it, but I actually got to do some of the clowning. Usually I'm behind the scenes or on sound. I enjoyed the change.



## La Peña

We also did a Kids-

Quest Lite in La Peña. It's about a four hour drive from Panamá City. Our host Pastor José Alvarez did a fantastic job inviting unchurched kids from the neighborhood (158 came, plus about 50 adults) to come to the neutral setting of the local community center.



## Bocas del Toro

We went to the Atlantic coastal communities of Changuinola and Finca 6, located in the Chiquita

Co. banana plantations. That's where we joined with Revs. William Pitty and Frank Miranda for the first KidsQuest Crusade & Seminar in the Province of Bocas del Toro.

I mentioned in an e-Mailer that the Province of Bocas del Toro feels like an abandoned place. Some kids feel the misery of their situation simply by where they live. At registration, we overheard one little girl tell another to not say the name of her community, "cardboard box town." They're ashamed to admit where they live.



I trust you can see by the photos that these kids can enjoy themselves, and can learn the Crusade Bible theme verses that teach them how to seek for God's Truth, True Happiness and Eternal Love. Over 250 attended by the third day, with about 150 of them inviting Jesus to live in their hearts. Yelenis, the grand

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prize winner, brought 19 visitors, which won her the right to choose the Spiderman skateboard. (Shhhh, Gracie doesn't know we gave it away yet!)

### Chitré

Our host pastor, Rev. Angel De Gracia, founded this church with a missionary evangelist over 20 years ago. Since then he has faithfully served in a religiously resistant environment. He and his wife Isabel have ten children, all involved in ministry. His daughter Dorcas was the coordinator

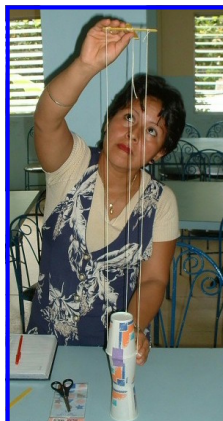


with us for the Crusade. We broke in a new "CJ" tiger for me to lend my voice to (I read the script backstage while CJ "talks" with the children). Ricky is seen backstage with Dallis (Ling) and Juan Carlos (Ding). More than 300 children attended over the three days.

### Children's Ministries Leaders Seminars

Recent topics for our monthly seminars in Panama City were:

- ♦ How Do You Make a Good Teacher?
- ♦ How Children Best Learn
- ♦ Children Interceding for



- World Missions
- ♦ Easy-to-Make and Easy-to-Use Puppets
- ♦ Counseling Pre-Teens
- ♦ Missions Education & Intercession for Children

We added new Seminars in the Interior:

- ♦ Central Zone in Chitré in June with 40 in attendance from ten churches. That is the principle city in the Azuero peninsula, which is the big upside-down hump in the middle of Panama's sideways "S."
- ♦ Western Zone in David in August with 35 in attendance from thirteen churches. Coordinators Didier & Georgina Muñoz are pictured here. Also Bocas del Toro during the Crusade in May, with 20 in attendance.



We invite you to see many additional pictures we wish we could fit here that are in the online photo albums in the "Media" section of our web site.

### Miscellaneous

A new zone committee is functioning in Santiago, thanks in large part to Rigoberto Mitchell, our Rep. for the zone (see Panamanian Profile). They helped coordinate the La Peña KidsQuest Lite.

All four of our kids helped out during Panama's annual Minister's Retreat in August. As

expected, there was a low attendance of children due to the government canceling the scheduled two weeks of vacation. Please don't think the students missed out on vacation. Actually, they got four weeks of unplanned vacation during the Social Security reform riots during June and July.

Please make a note of our new contact info: US VOIP phone #: (626)-507-8044. It's free to receive calls (hint, hint) and reasonable for us to call the US. Also, our Panama PO Box # has changed:

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### Prayer

- Healing for chronic infections for our Treasurer Dallis Quiñones and ongoing asthma for

### Panamanian Profile

Say "Hello" to Rigoberto Mitchell. You've seen him featured in KidsQuest Crusades and Seminars we've done in the interior, especially in his hometown of Santiago.

Rigoberto told me he was raised in an orphanage. That provides his strong motivation for Children's Ministries. He wants to give children the positive childhood experiences that he never had, most importantly, that they know Jesus.

He's a real go-getter, never standing still. It's a privilege to try and keep up with him!



our Secretary Carolina Canto.

- Our Chrysler Caravan is breaking down and needing repairs way too often. Pray for staying power for the little green mule!

### Praise

- Health of our family, despite waves of flu and infections throughout Panama City.
- The KidsQuest Crusade in Rio Sereno went very well--expect a full report next issue!

### Upcoming

- Our fourth Zone Seminar for Children's Ministries Leaders in Santiago 15 October.
- KidsQuest Crusades: in Panama City "Red zone" area of Samaria 11-13 November; Christmas outreach crusade in local soccer stadium 10 December.

### Family Report ~ by Yvonne

#### Get To Know Panamá

**Marea Roja** sub-champs in America's Gold!

In case you are not an avid soccer fan, let me translate: Panama's National soccer team (nicknamed "Red tide") placed 2nd in the America's Gold Cup! This may not have made much news where you live, but the fact that Panama's soccer team came in second place (yes, the US came in first) was cause for national hysteria. Businesses shut down. Four-lane streets became parking lots for revelers. The team returned to a hero's welcome--a parade stretching from airport to stadium, where thousands cheered their arrival even though it was almost midnight.

As every mother knows, it's a great day when school starts again. It's now in full swing. Gracie is still cuddly, loving and bouncy as ever. Now we have three youths -- sixth grader Celina is considered a youth, along with Anthony in seventh and Chloe in tenth. Chloe's taking her PSAT test as I write today! College is just around the corner. How time flies.

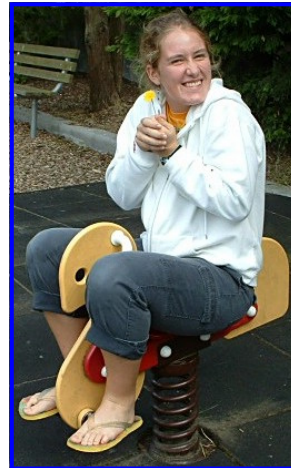
### Chloe

Chloe took on a real challenge this her sophomore year: AP European

History. It has been a stretch for her. She has hung in there reading, researching, and writing essays at a college level. Her teacher allows the students to rewrite and improve their essays until they get the grade they want. Sometimes that means three tries. She is enjoying the challenge. Since last newsletter she turned 15.

### Anthony

Anthony is playing guitar in a worship band! He's had a couple of solos



so far. As Kirk said, he is the cool kid every kid always wanted to be: a great athlete, an honor student, and now a guitar player



in a band!

### Celina

Celina amazes us with her cooking creations--most recent being *hojaldres*, Panama fry-bread. She would love to have her own cooking show on the Food Network. Since last newsletter she turned 11. Here she is enjoying part of her birthday celebration getting a real, grown-up manicure.

### Gracie

Her birthday party last



month was with all her classmates riding bikes along the bank of the Panama Canal! Here you see the "cool dude" in the big bike basket. Since last newsletter she turned 7.

(editors note: Three birthdays is too much time to have past since the last newsletter. Our abject apologies.)

