

A Final Word

*And seeing the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.
And coming into the house, they saw the child with Mary His mother.
And they fell down and worshiped Him.*

Matthew 2.10-11 MKJV

May we all be wise and joyfully worship Him this Christmas Season and all year round.

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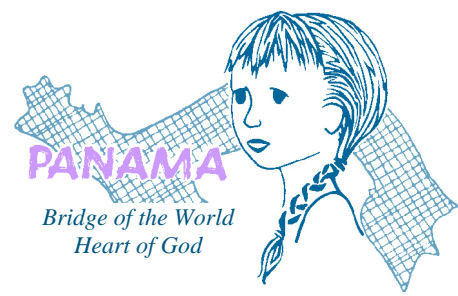
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**Ministry Report ~
by Kirk**

Please receive the enclosed "Christmas card" from us with a big cup of holiday cheer. I came up with a "coaster" format since we'd love to be able to sit down with you and share a favorite hot or cold beverage and also what God is doing in our lives. Each time you use it, please remember how much we appreciate and value your support and prayers.



KidsQuest Crusade Reports:

• **Puerto Armuelles (8/06)**

This town has been suffering an economic depression since the banana company moved operations across the isthmus to Changuinola, and shut down port operations. The children who came and invited their friends, however, were upbeat and very excited, along with our host Pastor Moines Ortiz. We saw 272 in attendance with about 60 new visitors. As you can see they really enjoyed the evangelistic PowerMark comic books.

I invite you to view the online video report at www.jonesjournal.org > Media.

• **Atalaya (9/06)**

One thing that really impressed our team at this church was their "team spirit." For Crusade games we divide the kids into red and blue teams. For the second Crusade some innovative adult leaders had brought sashes & headbands for the blue team and

balloons for the red team. Another example of their spirit was how they responded with vigorous applause and cheers after each illusion "trick" or each clown presentation. It's not that we need the affirmation, but rather it let us know that they were really with us during the presentation. Host Pastor Florencio Montilla and leaders welcomed just shy of 200 children in this traditional small-town pueblo.

• **Samaria (10/06)**



Here you see our clowns Ding and Ling at their lowest

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moment in the skit "Searching for Truth." Fanny, our Games Captain, shows them in the Bible that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14.6). The kids repeat that verse with her later in the Memory Verse game and also with "CJ" the Bengal tiger when he comes out to welcome them with his karate moves.



We appreciate host Pastor Rigoberto Small and Taideth Guillen for coordinating the Crusade. She's been a regular at our monthly seminars. Over 200 children attended. Their children's ministries team also prepared a couple of terrific songs with choreography. The final night was an *intra*-national parade with traditional costumes and folkloric dances from Panamá's provinces.

Children's Ministry Leaders Seminars

Some of the recent topics we've covered include: A Vision for World Missions (Rev. Juan Macias Torres, former Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Ecuador), Children's Missions Prayer Network, aka *RIMI* (on

DVD, Rev. Efraín Arosemena, National Missions Director), Teaching Children Biblical Values in the Patriotic Month of November (LACC school director Ana Tajú), Using Dynamic Teaching Techniques (Secretary Carolina Canto), Helping Children Learn (Kirk), and Preparing a Christmas music program (Yvonne & Kirk).

Misiotón 2006

We were invited to bring KidsQuest to the *Misiotón* 2006, which is like a Telethon for World Missions in October. We added skits emphasizing missions themes, plus invited other children's ministries to share special music and ministry numbers. Kids from eight different churches used choreography, Hebrew dance and the traditional Panamanian style folkloric dance and costume, as you see below, to bring the message of how important World Missions is to every believer.

Prayer

- Impure glycerin used in



medicines appears to have caused 38 deaths at the Social Security Hospital. The good news is the number of fatalities has not increased since they discovered this cause.

- In a tragic city bus fire 18 people died, nine of whom were AG ministers or members.

Praise

- The public school strike ended peacefully with teachers accepting the government's original raise. Students pay the price, however, making up lost days in Saturday classes. It affected us in Atalaya with lower attendance at Saturday morning's Crusade.
- The Canal expansion referendum was approved with 80% voting "Sí." That will mean more jobs and increased revenues from bigger ships using the third set of locks.

Upcoming

- KidsQuest Christmas Crusade is Saturday 2 December in the Orlando Winter gym of *San Miguelito*, the same poor area as last year's outdoor stadium crusade.
- Part of the three-day Franklin Graham Crusade next February is *FestiNiño*, a massive

outreach culminating at the National Stadium on the 24th. It's organized by Panamá's evangelical churches. The main emphasis is the "Andrew Plan" for kids to invite *amigos* to meet Jesus!



Family Report ~ by Yvonne

Chloe

Chloe finished basketball season the end of October with an international tournament in *Costa Rica*. The girls made some new friends, got to do a little site-seeing, and showed a lot of school spirit. The most important thing is they came

home with a 4th place trophy!

Anthony

Since his school does not offer sports, Anthony decided to start an after school sports club with another ath-



letic friend. They play football (you have to specify "North American" or they'll think you mean "soccer," which they also play at times), run cross

country, and play some basketball.

Celina

Celina is the youngest member on Student Council as the 7th grade Rep. She feels like



she fits in and can contribute her ideas. She was in charge of the bake sale fund-raiser for future Council projects. She keeps busy at home as well with her cooking and sewing projects.

Gracie

As seen here Gracie celebrated her 8th birthday with some of her classmates. The really big deal was getting her ears pierced -- with her mom! Before entering I had said, "If I can have four babies, this is nothing." So after Gracie got her ears pierced she walked out the door saying, "Now *I* can have four babies!" Not for a looong time, sweetheart!



Get To Know Panamá

The traditional Panamanian Christmas drink is a festive bright red fruit drink called *Saril*.

The *Saril* fruit originally came to Panamá during the Canal construction from Jamaica. For that reason, you may see it called *Agua de Jamaica*.

It ripens once a year, for a few weeks around December, which lends to its appeal as a unique Christmas treat.

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. *Saril* (500 grams)
- 3 pints water (1.5 liters)
- 1/4 lb ginger (100 grams)
- sugar and lemon

Preparation:

- remove seeds and wash the fruit
- add fruit, ginger to boiling water for 15 min.
- strain and add sugar and lemon to taste
- cool; serve over ice; enjoy!



