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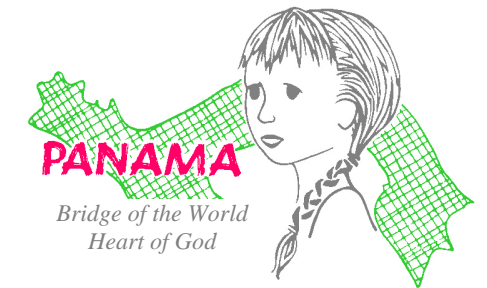
By way of reminder, you can schedule a visit for our upcoming itineration July 08 - July 09 on our online Itineration page ([www.jonesjournal.org](http://www.jonesjournal.org) > Itineration). We'd love to see you again, or meet for the first time!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BABY JESUS!**



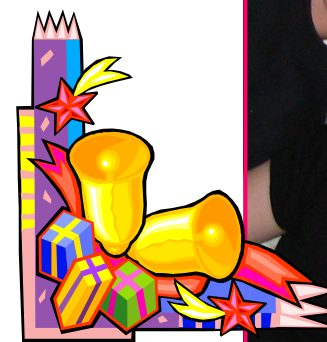
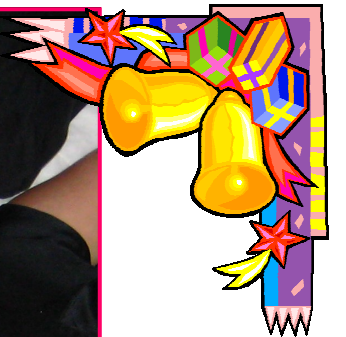
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**Merry Christmas from the Joneses!**  
**And a Blessed New Year!**



*She will bring a son to birth, and when she does, you, Joseph, will name him Jesus--  
'God saves'--because he will save his people from their sins."*

*This would bring the prophet's embryonic sermon to full term: Watch for this--  
a virgin will get pregnant and bear a son;*

*They will name him Emmanuel (Hebrew for "God is with us").*

Matthew 1:21-23, The Message



**Ministry Report ~ by Kirk**

**KidsQuest Crusades**

- *El Silencio, Bocas del Toro province (9/07)*



Host Pastor Frank Miranda is a presbyter and a good friend, seen here with his youngest son Joel. After last year's crusade held at a different church, little Joel sobbed heart-broken that he couldn't take home the remote control car on the prize table, since he hadn't brought any visitors. Afterwards I realized that he was the little guy I included in the video scene where I talked about the visitor prize campaign. Poor guy. Well, this year he earned his prize car because he brought a ton of visitors! I'm so proud of

him, and happy he was rewarded for his hard work. There was about 75 brand new children, plus 50 regulars in attendance.

Thanks for praying for safe travel. The 10 hour drive was slow, but uneventful, both ways. Special thanks for praying for kids to come to know Jesus.

- *Altos de las Colinas, Central Zone (10/07)*

On the outskirts of the city of *Santiago* our host pastor and presbyter Juan Murillo ministers in one of the poorest communities. They rounded up kids from the nearby rough neighborhoods and packed in over 250 on Sunday alone in their small, dirt-floor sanctuary.

Here you see the visitor campaign winners Angélica, Abner and Maryori who combined to bring in 48 of their friends and neighbors to hear about Jesus! Way to go, guys!

- *Concepción, Western Zone (11/07)*

November is often homecoming in the US. Our crusade in *Concepción* turned out to be a homecoming for part of our team. Home-

grown talent Muriel and Zuleka took turns being our "Ling" clown and Eduardo filled the big paws of our tiger "CJ." Our zone Rep. Edilma de Villarreal helped set it all up.

Just less than half of Sunday's attendance was new visitors. Total attendance was over 200. These kids sure enjoyed trying to catch their chance to play the memory verse game.



**Children's Ministries Leaders' Seminars**

Recent topics include:

- "Kids in Missions" by Rev. Fernando & Nancy Moyano, Argentine AG missionaries serving here in Panama.
- Reformation Day (1 Nov.) activities by our own Fanny de Quinzada.
- Patriotic party, as you can see from the *pollera* skirts and bigger-than-usual spread of food for a snack!



Our teaching emphasis was on Christmas, providing lesson plans and a musical program.

**Prayer**

- For many children to come and see "Jesus Save My Panamanian People" at the Christmas Crusade 1 December in the *Yuyin Luzcando* gym.

**Praise**

- During the past year God has promoted many of our national team leaders in other areas of life and ministry--to pastor, cell group leader, credit union board member, and advanced university education.

**Upcoming**

- At next year's Annual Session 6-9 January we'll get to do the classes with our minister's children.

**Family Report ~ by Yvonne**

**Chloe**

Chloe's basketball team finished their season having played in two different leagues. In the less competitive of the two, Chloe took home the trophy for high scorer. That was nice, but what really meant a lot to her was that her team took third place in the more competitive league, seen here receiving



their trophy from the sponsors, Nestle Cereal & Kiwanis Club.

She received her first college acceptance letter from Evangel University, though she's still not sure which school she's going to yet.

**Tony**

Tony's whole class came over to celebrate his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday. His high school basketball team won their last game of the season, which was a great morale boost for them after their first official season.



Something new for him next year is he will be paddling *cayuco*, like Chloe did the past two years.

**Celina**

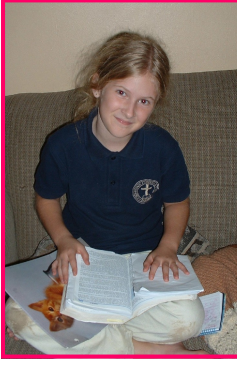
Celina is very involved in and enjoying her youth group. Her small group had a sleep-over

recently that was a lot of fun. She still likes cooking, and eating what she cooks! That made Thanksgiving extra painful for her, since she had to miss the meal with the other missionary families since she had a bad eye infection. We trust by the time you read this, she'll be all better!



**Gracie**

The latest with Gracie is that she and her classmates decided to start a Bible study. When they asked who should lead it, all her friends looked at Gracie. So she's preparing a lesson on 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel, about Saul's jealousy of David. Her buddy Carlos will be the "disciplinarian."



**Have a GREAT 2008!**

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