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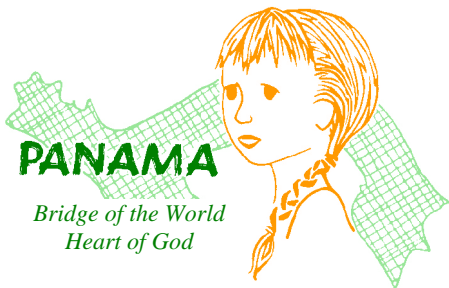
*For as the rain comes down, and the snow from the heavens, and does not return there, but waters the earth, and makes it bring out and bud, and give seed to the sower and bread to the eater; Isaiah 55:10 MKJV*

*Now He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for eating, may He supply and multiply your seed, and increase the fruits of your righteousness. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:10 MKJV*

*A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, the one fell by the roadside... .. other fell on a rock ... .. other fell amidst thorns ... .. other fell on good ground and sprang up, and bore fruit a hundredfold. Luke 8:5-8 MKJV*



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Ministry Report ~  
by Kirk

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue

This issue begins Volume XX. For twenty years we have been "publishing" this newsletter. That got me reminiscing. Our very first missionary letter was sent to over 100 family and friends at Christmas 1989. I consider that volume 00. Here's why: I processed the words on an IBM laptop computer with two floppy drives (no hard disk) and printed it



don't laugh too hard. We have come a long way, and hopefully improved along the way. While the technology has drastically changed, it is interesting to note what has not changed. Our first news release spoke of our desire to do "street-level kids crusades" and "ongoing training of children's workers." Guess what? We are still doing it. We also mentioned that a missionary

is "just an ordinary person working for an extraordinary God." We are still preaching that too.

out on a dot-matrix printer. We "cut and paste" using actual scissors and glue to include these pictures of us with our "kids" -- our two dogs Cinnamon and Sugar and our little kitty cat *Tica*, plus an ultrasound picture of Chloe, before we even knew she was Chloe.

You can see a scanned version on our Newsletter page at [www.jonesjournal.org](http://www.jonesjournal.org). Please



Seed and Bread

"You can't eat your seed, and you can't plant your bread," said Gordon Houston, our District Missions Director, during the Light for the Lost tour. That statement piqued my interest in the following passage:

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When we offer ourselves as sowers to the Master of the Harvest, He places seed in our hands to grow His kingdom. "Bread" represents the reward for our labor, ie. a paycheck. "Seed" represents unexpected resources. If we "eat" our seed, we deny God the opportunity to use us as sowers. As we faithfully sow that seed in the Kingdom, then God can give us more to multiply the harvest. It has been gratifying to see that principle applied during this iteration cycle.

### Iteration

The downturn in the economy has impacted churches as people face economic challenges. We hurt with these pastors and congregations. That makes their sacrificial contributions of any size that much more significant. While we have received word of decreased or eliminated support from some churches, we are encouraged by recent reports following several Missions Conventions from this first quarter. Pastors tell us that their people responded with noticeable increase in their pledged missions support, despite the downturn. We trust the Lord will honor their bold faith and provide even more seed for sowing the Word around the world!

For us, the cash budget is coming in. We have a little under half of the \$56,521 needed. The monthly support budget still lacks about \$1300

of the \$10,689 needed. We are trusting God and still aiming for a late summer return to Panamá, before the school year begins. If you have been considering a new or increased commitment to our ministry, we could really use it now.

### Upcoming

- Chloe is coming home!
- SoCal Kids! Summer Camps 2009 TRANSFORMED. We get to be the missionary guests first at Hartland Camp 15-19 June and then Pinecrest II 20-24 July. More info at [www.socalag.org/kids](http://www.socalag.org/kids).



### Prayer

- In addition to providing an exciting Missions-Experience, part of summer camp will be for us to lead spiritual journey groups on ministry calling. Please pray with us that God will call kids to life-long service that transforms their world!
- To finish strong: raising the budget, growing closer to Jesus and to each other: family, friends and supporters.

### Praise

- Chloe is coming home!
- We have put 30,000 miles on our car, logged about that many in the air, plus another 5000 miles on rental cars. All that, and no travel emergencies. Thank you, Lord!

### Family Report ~ by Yvonne

#### Chloe

Chloe tells us how much work college is, and nursing courses in particular. We know, however, that she is having a lot of fun. Our proof is through her lively pictures on Facebook. She has said how blessed she feels for living with an incredible roommate (Christa, shown here) and amazing girls on her floor and participating in activities such as floor slumber parties, intramural sports, and late night Wal-Mart runs. We are excited to welcome her back with us this month.



### Tony & Celina

A recent highlight for Anthony & Celina was an unexpected trip to Panamá. They got word that their beloved youth pastors Mark & Kelli Warder would be leaving Panamá in June for a new ministry opportunity in the U.S. Since it would



be their final retreat with the youth group in March, we decided to send Anthony & Celina (yes, by themselves) to enjoy a long weekend with their friends.

You can see that Anthony got pumped up on the plane ride down listening to "Panama." Celina enjoyed being with her classmates again. Just visiting, so no home-

work! They got to play guitar and sing in the worship band for the retreat.



### Gracie

In our iteration presentation we often mention that Gracie is our sports girl. Since basketball season is over, she has had to create a new "sport" to challenge herself. Lately she's been doing her homework, eating her afternoon snack, and just chillin' listening to her iPod up a tree!



### Get To Know Iteration

#### Top 10 uses for a missionary prayer card:

1. as a bookmark
  2. as a shim under a wobbly coffee table
  3. as an under liner ruler for a book you are marking
  4. as a coaster for a cup of coffee on a table that now doesn't wobble anymore
  5. as a screw driver for those teeny, tiny eyeglass screws
  6. as a very small, difficult-to-fold, paper airplane, ...sort of
  7. as evidence that hair turns greyer every five years
  8. as a heart-felt "Thank You" from the missionary for your prayer and support
  9. as evidence that hair can be dyed so that it doesn't turn greyer every five years
  10. as a reminder to visit the website, write, call and pray for a missionary
- I actually made use of numbers 1, 3, 5 and 8 on a plane trip. Thank you for making good use of our prayer card. If you would like some more please just let us know.



