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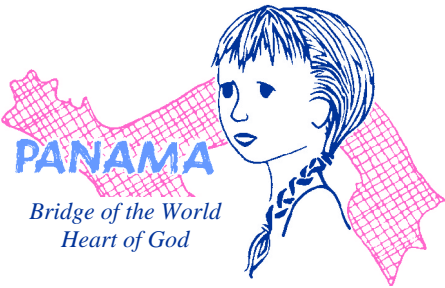
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Ministry Report ~
by Kirk

Itineration Year Recap

- 78 church services
- 122 appointments with pastors, missions leaders
- 44,000 car miles, plus more by air

In reviewing this year, more than just numbers, words come to mind, like "grateful" and especially "refreshed." That is how we felt at the First Assembly of God missions home in Arroyo Grande. Setting up home and office was effortless. The climate is



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cool year round. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Pastors Jared & Linda Hoover and our many friends on the central coast who made us feel at home.

We recognize it has been a challenging year for many with the economic downturn. That is why we marvel at God's faithfulness through His people. At times we have seen His provision in ways that we worked and planned for and at other times totally unexpected.

We will continue to expect that as we work from the field to raise the additional \$700 in monthly support and \$25,000 cash budget. If you would like more information or know someone who might be interested in supporting our ministry, please let us know. For those who have not seen our missionary presentation live, the PowerPoint with my narration is available to view on our website Itineration page, in addition to video reports on the Media page.

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A Final Word

On a good day, enjoy yourself;
On a bad day, examine your conscience.
God arranges for both kinds of days
So that we won't take anything for granted.

Ecclesiastes 7:14, The Message

It's been a good year of itineration for us. It's also great to return to Panamá. We don't take either one of those for granted. Nor do we take you for granted. Thanks for your finances, prayers and support that make it all good!

(Please remember to update our contact info above!)



SoCal Kids Camps

A major highlight this summer was the opportunity to join the terrific team of SoCal Kids Ministries at Hartland Camp in June and Pinecrest in July for Summer Camp 2009 TRANSFORMED (Romans 12:2). Yvonne and I led six Journey Groups on God's will, gave each of the 600+ campers a Missions Experience about Panamá, our work there and a prayer card. We helped with electives: Yvonne and Celina at crafts, Kirk and Anthony at BB guns and Gracie in human video and field games. We met another great MK, Paul Cao, pictured with us.

Special thanks to all the campers and their churches for the incredible BGMC offering they raised--over \$3600! That will go to help



purchase PowerMark evangelistic comic books that every Panamanian child receives when they attend our crusades.

¡Back in Panamá!

By the time you read this we will all be back together in Panamá. Yvonne and all four kids returned in early August to let our three *Panameños* (Tony, Celina & Gracie) start school. Chloe had worked hard all summer completing three online classes, plus working full-time at a grocery store. She earned this brief vacation trip. After returning to the US, she and Kirk drove cross-country from LA to Evangel U. in Springfield, MO. Finally at the end of August Kirk flew back to Panamá after returning our lease car in Minnesota.

We return ready to get back to work. Thanks to all who helped make this a great year in the US for our family.

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Prayer

- getting settled again in Panamá: find house, move in (ugh!), etc.
- finalize fund-raising from the field

Praise

- God's provision despite difficulties
- camp testimonies: "My daughter attended kids camp and came back raving about you, your family and the children of Panama. She said that you prayed with her. Thank you so much for ministering to her and sparking a missions heart in her."



Upcoming

- join our Children's Ministries team in continuing crusades, training and developing leaders
- Pastor Terry Abbot and team from Hood River OR working with Assistant Superintendent Simon Gonzales in October

Family Report ~ by Yvonne

Chloe

Chloe is entering her second year at Evangel U. in partnership with Cox College of Nursing. She has a heavy load of Nursing courses including Tuesdays 6.30am - 3.00pm Foundations of

Nursing. We appreciate you praying for her and all our kids.

Tony

Tony is thrilled to be back in Panama. He loves the food, seeing his lifelong friends and getting back into basketball. He started practice the first week and arrived home soaked in sweat from head to toe. Yes, he even loves the heat and humidity.

Celina

Earlier in the summer Celina enjoyed a visit from her best friend in Panamá, Hannah, who fit into our

family quite nicely. In fact, Yvonne asked a group of children at church which one wasn't a "Jones," and Hannah fooled about half of them!

Gracie

We heard from the SoCal Kids office after camp that Gracie really made an impression on those campers! There were so many evaluations under the "comment" section where they wrote "I loved Gracie."



"I loved the missionary Gracie."
"Gracie was really nice."
"I made a missionary friend named Gracie, that is so cool."

