

The Contreras Family Missionaries To Panamá



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Apocalipsis 22:12 He aquí yo vengo pronto, y mi galardón conmigo, para recompensar a cada uno según sea su obra.

Dear Pastors, Churches, and Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Warm greetings from Panama!

It is a true privilege for us to share with you another report of the work God has allowed us to carry out here in Panama. Once again, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your prayers, faithfulness, and financial support. Every prayer and every offering that reaches this ministry represents an important part of what God is doing here in Panama.

FAMILY VISITS AND FELLOWSHIP

During this period, we were blessed to have my in-laws and my brother-in-law visit us. They were able to stay with us for approximately fifteen days. It was a very special time of family fellowship and also a great blessing to our church. My father-in-law had the opportunity to preach at our church, while my brother-in-law played the piano and also presented a special. We thank the Lord for allowing us to enjoy these days together and for using their gifts to be a blessing to the church.

We were also blessed to have our daughter, Abihail, with us for almost three months. She came to Panama because she needed to take care of some health-related matters, and she arrived feeling somewhat ill. We are very thankful to everyone who prayed for her.

In previous reports, we had asked you to pray that the Lord would provide her with a job. Just before she was scheduled to begin her classes again, God answered our prayers and provided her with a job. What a joy it is to see the faithfulness of the Lord!

Her time with us was a great blessing to our family and also to our church.

A TRIAL FOR OUR FAMILY

During this time, we also went through an unexpected situation when my wife suffered a serious fall that resulted in a three-part fracture of her nose. Surgery was necessary to realign the bones and place them back into their proper position.

Thank the Lord, the surgery was successfully performed, and she is now recovering. However, afterward, some complications arose during the healing process. Small fragments of the sutures used in the surgery had become embedded in the wound, causing an infection.

In the midst of this situation, we once again experienced the faithfulness of God. We would like to express our special appreciation to the pastors and churches who helped us financially with some of these unexpected expenses. Your help came at a time of genuine need and was a tangible expression of the love of Christ.

OUR WORKERS AND BUS ROUTES

We thank the Lord for the workers He has allowed us to have serving on our different bus routes.

At present, we have workers serving on seven routes. Each week, they visit people and seek to reach them with the Gospel and bring them to church. We are praying that God will provide another vehicle that will help us distribute the workload more effectively and reach even more people. Our desire, if the Lord allows, is to begin three additional routes. This would give us the opportunity to take the Gospel to more families and open new doors for the ministry.

FRUIT IN EVANGELISM

We are very thankful that God continues to give us fruit through our evangelistic ministry.

During these past few months, 273 people have made professions of faith in Christ.

One part of this ministry is our "Three Doors" outreach, which we conduct once a month for approximately one hour. During this outreach, we seek to take the Gospel directly to the people and share with them the message of salvation.

Every person who hears the Gospel and every soul who makes a decision for Christ gives us another reason to keep working and praying.

THE FUNERAL OF MR. CATALINO

We also experienced a time of sadness with the passing of Mr. Catalino, the husband of our dear sister Marta.

We had the opportunity to be with the family during this difficult time and to conduct the funeral service at the cemetery chapel.

We thank God that, even in the midst of sorrow, the Lord opened a door for us to preach the Gospel. Twenty-three people received Christ as their personal Savior during the service.

Once again, we were able to see how God can use even the most difficult circumstances to bring the message of the Gospel to people's hearts.

LA CHORRERA PROJECT

We also have a special reason to thank the Lord for the progress that has been made on the property project in La Chorrera.

During this period, we were able to complete the fence that was still needed around the property. We thank God for providing the necessary resources and also for the willingness of the contractor, who allowed us to make the payments little by little.

We still have an outstanding balance with the contractor, Mr. Manuel Castañeda, and we ask you to pray that the Lord will provide the necessary funds so that we can fulfill this financial commitment.

We are thankful that another step has been taken forward in this project, and we continue trusting that God will provide for every need.

THE HEALTH OF OUR SON BILHAN

Our son Bilhan also went through a difficult period with his health. He was sick for almost two weeks with very high fevers, along with diarrhea and other symptoms.

We thank the Lord that during this past week he has experienced significant improvement and has been able to return to his classes and his various responsibilities. We are deeply grateful to everyone who prayed for him.

FAMILY CONFERENCE

During these past few months, we also held our Family Conference, which was a great blessing to our church.

It was a special time dedicated to strengthening marriages and families and encouraging parents to live according to the principles of the Word of God.

We also had the opportunity to celebrate Father's Day together with our families. We thank the Lord for allowing us to enjoy these times of fellowship and biblical teaching.

YOUNG PEOPLE RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

One of the greatest joys God has given us in our ministry is seeing our young people grow and serve the Lord.

God has allowed us to have a group of young people who are faithfully serving in different areas of the church, and seven of them have expressed a calling to serve the Lord in full-time ministry.

These young people have enrolled in our Bible institute with the desire to prepare themselves to serve as pastors, missionaries, and evangelists. We thank God for the Las Américas Fundamental Baptist Institute, which has been a great blessing to our church and a valuable tool for preparing the next generation of Christian workers.

We pray that God will continue to call young people and raise up men and women who are willing to give their lives in the service of the Gospel.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We would like to ask you to continue praying specifically for the following needs:

- My wife's and our son Bilhan's visas, and for the financial provision needed to complete the necessary applications.
- A vehicle for our daughter Abihail, and that God would allow her to obtain her driver's license in California.
- Provision to pay our contractor, Mr. Manuel Castañeda, who completed the fencing project around the La Chorrera property.
- My health and the surgery on my right foot. On September 29, I have an appointment with the orthopedic specialist, who will evaluate my condition and, if necessary, determine a date for possible surgery.
- Provision for another vehicle for our bus-route ministry. We are praying for another vehicle that will allow us to expand and better organize this ministry and, if God allows, begin the three new routes we have planned.
- The seven routes that are currently operating, our workers, and the people we are reaching each week.
- The three new routes, that God would open the doors and allow us to reach more families with the Gospel.
- Our church, our young people, and our Bible institute, that God would continue calling and preparing workers for His service.

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF WHAT GOD IS DOING

Once again, we want to say thank you very much!

Thank you to every pastor, every church, and every individual who has chosen to invest in the work of missions here in Panama.

Thank you for your prayers during the difficult times we have faced. Thank you for praying for our family, our children, our church, our workers, and the souls we are seeking to reach.

And thank you also for your financial support. We know that behind every offering is a church that has chosen to participate in the work of the Gospel and in fulfilling the Great Commission.

We are here on the mission field, but you also have a part in the fruit that God allows us to see.

We continue trusting in the promise that "he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." — Philippians 1:6.

Thank you for taking the time to read our report, thank you for remaining faithful in your prayers, and thank you for continuing to invest in the Lord's work here in Panama.

We pray that God will continue to bless your churches, your families, and every ministry He has entrusted to you.

With much appreciation and gratitude in Christ,

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