

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 and Churches Beloved in Christ,

Receive our warm greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank God for each one of you, for your love, your prayers, and the financial support you have faithfully given to this ministry. Your generosity has been a great blessing and has allowed the Gospel to continue moving forward and reaching lives for the glory of God.

We want to express our sincerest gratitude, recognizing that every effort and every seed sown in the work of the Lord is never in vain. We pray that the Lord will continue to richly bless your churches, ministries, and families, and that He will multiply everything that you have lovingly invested in His work.

These past months have been a great blessing. We had a meeting with some of the men from the church where we enjoyed a good message, fellowship, and a delicious meal. A father and son who were invited by one of our church members accepted Christ during that event.

We also thank God because we began the second year of the Fundamental Baptist Institute Las Américas with 16 students from our congregation and 6 online students from other countries. It has been a blessing for the brethren to be part of the Bible institute.

At the property in Chorrera, we have had to make some important changes. The land through which we previously brought water to the property belonged to a relative of my mother, but it was sold, and we had to remove the water pipes and reroute them to our property through a different path. We had to purchase new pipes, connectors, elbows, glue, and move the water storage tank, among many other things. Thank God, the water pump is still capable of supplying water even after all these changes.

We also began working on the remaining fence because the property behind ours, which borders our land, was also sold. By God's grace, we were able to complete that section of fencing, which measures about 78 meters, at a cost of nearly \$2,000. At this moment, we no longer have the funds needed to complete the side fence, which will cost approximately \$1,400 because it is somewhat shorter. If you would like to participate in this project so the entire property can be fully fenced, it would be a great blessing and an opportunity to invest in this ministry, as we believe the Lord is preparing everything for a new church work in that place.

There at the Chorrera property, we also held our family camp. More than 60 church members camped, played games, enjoyed fellowship, swam in the river, and most importantly, participated in devotionals and Bible teaching sessions. It was a wonderful time, and we thank God for giving us this place where we can hold retreats, especially during Easter week.

The ladies also had their women's activity. It was a tremendous blessing to hear their testimonies and to cook for them together with other church members. This year, a large number of ladies were able to attend this mother-and-daughter banquet, even though it was held on a Monday because my daughter Abihail was coming to visit us after finishing her first year of Bible institute. It was a wonderful surprise for my wife and a great joy to have her back home with us for a time.

The church continues winning souls and fulfilling the Great Commission. Nine people have been baptized during these past two months, and 198 people have made professions of faith through our soul-winning ministries. In addition, more than 800 Gospel tracts and booklets of John and Romans have been distributed during this time.

We also thank God for another anniversary of our church. We were able to celebrate it with the preaching of God's Word, a cake, a meal, and testimonies. We had more than 15 visitors, and seven people were saved that day, which was the greatest blessing of all. Thank you for supporting us and for your prayers that we may remain faithful in serving the Lord.

God continues blessing the church. Some families join, others drift away, and later return again. We thank God that we have remained here to receive them together with their families and minister to them as best as we can.

We also have some prayer requests that we ask you to remember:

- Please pray for the visas for Bilhan and my wife Danyra, and for God's provision so they may apply for their interviews.
- Please pray for a job near the college for my daughter Abihail in San José, since she does not have a car, and also for God's provision for her school expenses.
- Please pray that our financial support will not decrease.
- Please pray for God's provision for the work at the Chorrera property, especially for the funds needed to finish the remaining fence.
- Please also pray for God's provision for a series of medical exams required for my foot surgery, where the screw in my ankle will be removed and a bone scraping procedure will be done to improve the mobility of my right foot and reduce swelling.

Thank you once again for reading our report, for praying for us, and for your financial support, which is a great help and necessity in the work of God. May God bless you. We love you and pray for each one of you.

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