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Hello, Everyone! We hope this letter finds you well. It has been almost six months since our last update and so many good things have happened which we are excited to share with you.

In the month of November, we started our Kids' Club at our house where we have about 12 children coming every Saturday at 4:00pm. During this time, we play games, provide snacks, and tell a Bible story. It is so wonderful to see the children learning about our Lord, the message of grace, and our purpose on this earth. The children are also memorizing verses from the Bible. We are so happy to see how motivated they are to come early and share their verses with us and the other children. We also received a donation of Bibles so that every child can have a Bible of their own. Part of our goal for this group is that each child can learn how to study their Bible independently.

Please pray for the children who have been coming to our group: Pascual; Shawn and Grace; Sebastián and Nicole; Derek and Nora; Dilan; Alfonso; Hanna and Joseph; Fernando, Arturo, and their parents; Juan who is showing a great interest in the message of salvation; and Rafael (our neighbor with Down Syndrome). Please pray that they can clearly understand the message of salvation and that we can provide an influential friendship.







We give thanks to God that from the month of February through April we have been able to provide English and Portuguese classes to our community. These classes have been offered to children, youth, and adults. Our teachers were Jaque and Ronnie Mackensen, while we provided assistance to children who were struggling to read and write.

Alvaro and I continue to meet with people for mentorship. Alvaro continues to meet at the fruitstand with Davis Navarro and his brother, Jerry. They are studying and taking a deeper look into the life of Jesus. On a few occasions Alvaro has also had the chance to share the message of salvation with a friend of theirs named Neivardo Armengol.

Mauren continues to meet with our neighbor, Katherine Quiroz, who has shown an eagerness to study the Bible but is not yet a believer. She is very open to learning about the truths of the Bible, so they started with the book of Acts and will go on to study all the books of the Apostle Paul—they are currently studying the book of Galatians. Katherine has many questions and much willingness to learn. Please continue to pray for her salvation and that of her family. Also pray for us to have wisdom and clear biblical answers to her questions.







We have also started to reach out to some youth in our neighborhood. In February, we invited the young people to our home where we shared our testimonies and the reason why we are in Panama. We were thankful for the opportunity to meet Luis Fernando, Karla, Edith, and Sarai. We also have been reaching out to a girl named Sharon, who is fifteen years old and has lived with her aunt and grandma most of her life. She has shown a real interest in learning about God, so please pray that God can touch her heart and she can understand the grace of God and His gift of salvation.











Every Sunday since the month of November we have met at our house for our Sunday services. We now have three families who join us regularly: the Quiroz family, the Steers, and the Perez family. We also have Angelo and Pascual who are children from our Kids' Bible Club. We are praying that Carmen, the mom of Angelo and Pascual, and their dad will join us soon, as well as Max Quiroz, the husband of our neighbor, Katherine. Another three families we hope will accompany us are our neighbors: Edith and her children; Vilma and her husband, Jorge Pineda (they are Adventists); and Rojas, his wife, Irene, and their four children (they are the Venezuelan family we helped during the quarantine). Please pray that these families will want to know more about God and that desire will make them attend the services.





