

PURA VIDA IN PANAMÁ NEWS

BARRANTES FAMILY

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A glimpse of our life as we face the pandemic...



Throughout this time of Covid-19 we meet together on-line with the youth from CEC (Comunidad de Estudiantes Cristianos) Christian Student Community of Panama



God's Word is still bearing fruit. Every week we meet with our friends for discipleship.



Celebrating our first year in Panama with many new friends



Family time - God has been faithful through this whole quarantine as we study His Word.

A time of serving and sharing...



These last few months have been very difficult for many people. God has provided us with all our needs. There is a family we know with four children, ages seven to nineteen, with a father who lost his job at the beginning of the pandemic. Due to this we have been providing them with food and also just showing them the love of Christ during this hard time. We pray that God will soon provide the father with work.

We have also been helping with some groceries for a classmate of Josue named Rubén. Rubén lives with his mom and sister. The mom is the sole provider for the family. She also lost her job at the beginning of the pandemic but in the last month has gotten a new job and is now starting to slowly get back on her feet and provide for her family. Thank God that He has allowed us the blessing of sharing with others in their time of need.

Discipleship every Tuesday at the fruit stand...

We thank God that in spite of all the restrictions, God has still provided a way to meet the Panamanian people. Every Tuesday at 9am, Álvaro has the opportunity to share God's Word with Navarro, Davis, Jerry, and Elmer and his wife. They are the owners of the fruit stand which is close to our house and they are excited and desirous of spending time in God's Word weekly. Similarly, every Wednesday and Thursday Alvaro meets with two young university-aged men to study the Bible—their names are Alejandro and Ricardo. Alvaro has also had the opportunity to reach out to Lensy, another young man who is part of the CEC group. Mauren has started to study the Bible with a neighbor lady named Katherine. She is a practicing Catholic but has such a desire to study and learn more from the Bible.



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In all this greatly rejoice, though you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.



We have a prayer of Thanksgiving, we thank God for this hard time of Covid-19—it has been a trial to have only just arrived for seven months and then to be quarantined believing we would have no way to meet the Panamanian people. Yet, God surprised us greatly, sending people who are thirsty to know more about His Word. We have kept busy serving, praying, and sharing God’s Word virtually. Alvaro has had the opportunity to preach virtually from our home church in Costa Rica various times. Mauren and the kids have also been able to teach the Sunday school hour virtually. Please pray for two classmates of our children who are watching the Sunday school hour, that they would learn from the stories. Their names are Shawn and Grace. Also pray for their families and their Aunt Ivis.

Next steps...

We hope that for the month of November there will no longer be any restrictions. The plan is to restart with our Bible studies at our house. Please pray for each person who comes, pray for hearts that are open to His Word, and pray for a desire to grow and learn more about God in these difficult times.

Also keep our family in your prayers, our times of learning and teaching the kids, and our family members in Costa Rica that God will protect them and that we can rest in Him.

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