

Hello everyone!

It's hard to believe we've already been in Panama for seven months! When we first arrived, we faced many challenges, but God's faithfulness has been evident through it all. We're grateful for His strength and provision as we continue serving in the city of David at Comunidad Bíblica de la Gracia (Grace Bible Community) where we are focused on outreach, evangelism, and discipleship. The church has been going through a rebuilding process over the past several months, and though it's been difficult at times, we continue to depend on God for wisdom and guidance.

Since settling in, we quickly bought a car, furnished our home, and established ourselves here in Panama. Thankfully, our health has been good overall, despite a few moments of uncertainty. We are thankful for the medical care here and for everyone who has prayed for us. We have both overcome various illnesses and health challenges since arriving and we are glad we have each other, as well as all of you who have been praying for us!

One of the biggest blessings has been the opportunity to build relationships with people in the church and community. Anthony has started discipling several people including a man named Oliver. Oliver desires to serve in ministry and they have been studying eschatology and God's plan through the ages together. Anthony also meets bi-weekly with Abner, a young man who came to faith a couple of years ago and is eager to grow in his walk with Christ. There are also a couple of other young adults that we've started to disciple and walk alongside.

We are thankful to have Alejandro and his wife Julia serve as young adult group leaders. Over the past several months we've been able to get to know them more and help them lead this ministry. We have had opportunities to spend time with them and Anthony was able to begin discipling Alejandro. Alejandro has a desire to serve in the church and has also expressed an interest in preaching. Anthony recently began meeting with him to do a preaching class together.

Through the church's English club and other outreach events, we've seen God work in amazing ways. During our time here, we've seen seven people accept Christ as their Savior, and we're committed to providing ongoing follow-up and discipleship. One of the ministry highlights since our last letter was an outreach we conducted at a local high school where we had the opportunity to share the gospel with



one hundred twenty teenagers. Our team did a Tae Kwon Do demonstration, shared life advice, and presented the gospel. It was great!

In November, we had the joy of hosting a visit from some friends from the US who were a tremendous encouragement to us. In December, our friends and co-workers, Ronnie and Jaque Mackensen, moved on from the ministry here to begin the next chapter in their lives. Their departure has meant that the remaining team members have taken on more leadership responsibilities at the church and Anthony has assumed most of the preaching on Sunday mornings. He is working to train other men including Oliver and Alejandro to assist with the preaching.

On a personal note, we thank the Lord we were able to celebrate our first wedding anniversary in December. This year has been a rollercoaster, but we're incredibly thankful for each other and for God's faithfulness in our marriage. We're also thankful for our doggies, Zelda and Ollie, and for our GMI team member and coworker Cecy Torres, who has been a great encouragement to us and a wonderful partner in the ministry here in David.

Pamela has started serving in Sunday school and helping with the organizational needs of the church. She is also learning to play the ukulele so she can help with Sunday morning worship. She meets regularly with the girls from the young adult group, offering encouragement and support as they grow in their faith. One of the girls recently shared her struggles with her, and Pamela was able to offer guidance and spiritual support. Pamela also enjoys inviting people into our home and serving them through hospitality.

We have been able to have various people over for meals and board games and we truly seek to know the people here and to grow with them. We've had a few visitors at the church and going out into the city to hand out invitations and pray with people has provided opportunities to meet more people that we hope will come and be part of what God is doing at Comunidad Biblica de la Gracia.

Thank you all for your continued prayers and encouragement. We truly feel the presence of God in our lives and ministry, and we are deeply grateful for the support we receive from you. If you ever want to visit us or chat and catch up, please don't hesitate to reach out—we'd love to connect!

Prayer Requests:

- For our health to improve and to have fewer health problems/illnesses.
- For our outreach to be effective and bring more people into the church.
- For the people we are discipling including Oliver, Alejandro, Abner, Julia, and Jorge.
- For continued strength to do ministry and to encourage the believers in their faith.
- That we would reach our monthly support goal which is currently at 80%.
- For our marriage as we continue to learn and grow together.

In Christ,

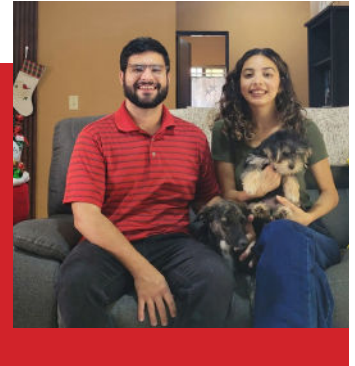
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