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Serving with GMI

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Dear Family and Friends,

We made it back to Panama on January 10th and it's currently 91 degrees here in the city of David! The last time we wrote to you we were getting ready to travel to the United States for our six-month US assignment to visit churches and update them on our ministry in Panama as well as spend some time with family in Michigan. Let's get you caught up!

We arrived in the US in July 2023 and were able to visit 15 churches during our time there. We had amazing fellowship with many brothers and sisters in Christ and also shared about what God has been doing in Panama. It truly was a blessed time.

Now that we have returned to Panama our hope and prayer is to continue our work here while also expanding our scope of ministry. One of the ministries we hope to start this year is a youth group for teenagers. We currently have a kids program and a young adult program for college students and young professionals but we have yet to start a program for high schoolers. The teenage years are essential years for hearing and learning truth. As God desires that all are saved by coming to the knowledge of the truth, we also desire that the teenagers of David, Panama learn the truth and receive Christ Jesus as their personal Savior.

One of the prayer requests we shared in our last letter was that more people from our local area and more missionaries would join us in serving the Lord here in Panama. We are happy and excited to report that God has answered those prayers! We are seeing more and more locals join us in ministry and serve alongside us. We also have new additions to our missionary team!



MARTIAL ARTS WITH
THE KIDS IN THE US



VISITING EASTPORT BIBLE
CHURCH IN NEW YORK

Cecy Torres, a Grace Ministries International (GMI) team member from Mexico joined the Panama team in December 2023 and GMI team members Anthony and Pamela Beaulieu will be joining the Panama team later this year. We give thanks to God for His provision and we invite you to pray for the new team that we may serve in unity as members of the Body of Christ.

The Panama team's goal is to plant a solid mid-Acts dispensational church in the city of David. We want to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the lost while also training Panamanian believers within our church in sound Biblical doctrine. We are praying that God continues establishing a healthy church with active members who know and rightly divide His Word (II Tim. 2:15).

As we settle back into ministry and life here in Panama, we pray that we will always surrender our will to the Lord. We desire that He leads us as we continue to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the people of Panama and as we continue to build up and equip our local church, Comunidad Bíblica de la Gracia. We also pray that our expanding GMI Panama team will develop good cohesion and team dynamics as we press on to serve the Lord together.

Praises

- We give thanks to the Lord for our time in the US, and for the churches and family we were able to visit while there.
- We give thanks to God for our health.
- We praise the Lord that we have made it safely back to Panama.

Prayers

- Please pray for the youth group and other ministries we plan to launch this year.
- Please pray that as our team continues to grow we will serve the Lord in one Spirit.
- Please pray for our Panamanian brothers and sisters in Christ as they continue to grow in their faith.
- Please pray for our endurance and that we may always trust the Lord in every aspect of our lives.

Blessings,

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KIDS WE HOPE WILL JOIN
OUR YOUTH GROUP



MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATION
IN THE US



JAQUE RECEIVING HANDMADE
DRESSES FOR GIRLS IN PANAMA

