

# PURA VIDA EN PANAMA NEWS

## BARRANTES FAMILY

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Hello Friend,

We want to share all the wonderful things God is doing in this ministry here in the Province of Chiriquí, Panama. The last months have been full of grace, work, and activities.

All this year we have had a lot of help from visitors and local ministries to carry out a series of evangelistic activities that have allowed us to reach people to talk about the gospel and to make our ministries known in the city. One thing we did was talk and share with the people who passed by our church building (Comunidad Bíblica de la Gracia) to invite them to attend our ministries and meetings.

different local church's members; we worked along with Piedras Vivas Ministry, and we also visited a local community with children at social risk where once a month this ministry organizes evangelistic activities and gives food to the children of this neighborhood.

Just a few days later, back at our house in David, we received a visit from Grace Ministries International's Executive Director, Jeremy Clark, in one of his regular visits to the field. We took advantage of the occasion to go to help and serve the immigrant camp in the city of David where most of the Venezuelan, Haitian, and African immigrants are sheltered on their way through Central America. There we were able to listen to their stories, distribute food and clothing, and share the gospel with them.



Visit to Costa Rica. Alvaro preaching and giving a Panama ministry update to IBG Alajuela



In September, our home church-Iglesia Bíblica de la Gracia-sent a mission team. Along with them, we prepared a tie-dye event for children and youth, which was a success. We invited new people to church and we were able to reconnect with some local friends who are now attending our church. It was a time of much blessing and fun. That same weekend we hosted a talk for parents about parenting from a biblical perspective.

We are thankful to God for allowing us to visit our family in Costa Rica for a couple of weeks last July. It was a great time to refresh and reconnect with everyone there. We were very happy and grateful to God that we were able to spend time with our relatives and closer friends and also to reconnect and serve in our home church-Iglesia Bíblica de la Gracia-in the city of Alajuela. There, Alvaro preached and our family attended other ministries to share what God is doing in Panama.

At the same time, we had the visit of our friend Tatá Faria, from Brazil, who participated and worked along with us. She served in the ministry here for four weeks. We were happy to work with her and encourage her so that she will continue to develop her desire for missions.

Returning to Panama, we continued with our roles and ministry plans. In August we visited Puerto Almirante in Bocas del Toro (on the Caribbean coast of Panama) where we developed a Parenting Workshop with two



Tatá Faria from Brazil visiting Panama Ministry



Wednesday Bible Study

All this year we have made good use of the church facilities. On Wednesdays we have been giving Bible courses with the aim that new church attendees strengthen their faith and learn more deeply about the teachings of the Bible. We constantly have 15 people in those Bible studies.

Finally, we are so happy to share with you this beautiful Taekwondo ministry of our church. This past Sunday we had the second belt promotion



Barrantes visiting Bocas del Toro, Panama. Parenting Seminar

God bless you!!!