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Missionaries to Panama

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Dear faithful rope holders,

For the first time in many years, we celebrated the 4th of July in the U.S., and are looking forward to returning to Panama next week. We were able to do our part in getting my dad's house ready for sale which will take place after my sister distributes the remaining furniture.

Before we left for the U.S., we authorized two men in our church to baptize. Johniel was able to baptize seven people the Sunday before we left, including one of his own children.

Our church in Veracruz is starting to recuperate from the effects of the pandemic. Johniel sent the news that our Wednesday evening crowd was equal to our Sunday evening crowd, and our Sunday evening crowd is the best service attended by adults. I asked about those who have been saved in 2022 and Johniel gave me a list of 24 people who have made professions of faith.

The church in San Antonio has had a similar experience. Pastor Nuñez reports that his Wednesday evening service is double that of the crowd before the pandemic. He also reports 40 professions of faith in 2022, many professions from the area where they are striving to start a new church.

On a personal note, we are still finding churches that were dropped from our email update list in the past, due to a series of computer glitches. I have mentioned this problem several times in the past, but regular mail service from Panama has been unreliable during the pandemic and service is still doubtful. If you would like to be added to our email updates, please contact me. We desire that everyone be informed about the work in Panama, as we appreciate your faithfulness to our ministry.

We are struggling to get permits to start the second phase of our apartment construction. The district municipality has established some special requirements in the old Panama Canal Zone that the architect is not familiar with, thus making it a challenge to obtain approval. We should be ready to continue once the structural engineer gives final approval.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support that allows us to continue our ministry in Panama.

Fishing and feeding,



Jim