



The Rodriguez Family - Reaching Panama for Jesus

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Dear Pastor and Church,

We are excited to write you regarding the work in Panama! Thank you for taking the time to read our prayer letter and more importantly to pray for the Rodriguez Family and the work in Dolega, Panama.

Our newest family member: Elisabeth Hope Rodriguez was born on December 16, 2012 (she shares birthdays with Emily who also was born on December 16th). We are thankful that the birth was problem free and that the Lord provided the finances needed to cover the expenses.

Our 2013 Goals: We are praying to have **our own building this year**. We have rented these last seven years and now we are experiencing problems with the owners. Please pray for the Lord to guide us in the right direction to a building or property that we can purchase for our church.

Another goal is to **train more workers** to serve in the church as sunday school teachers, soulwinners, etc. We are excited about some of the new faces that we have eager to learn and serve God.

Our last but not least of the goals for this year is to **start another feeding center** in an area that we have not reached. At the same time, we want to bus these children and their parents to church, which would also provide an approximate increment of 40 to our attendance. Hand in hand with this goal, we are praying for a vehicle to be able to bring these children and those interested to church. In the future, we could establish a church in that same area.

VBS: Now is the time for our Vacation Bible School. **This year we held seven vbs' in different areas of our bus routes. More than 200 kids attended and 55 of those kids prayed and asked Jesus to save them.**

Camps: This is also time for Teen Camp. **Thirteen of our teens participated in two different teen camps.** One camp is near Panama City. The other camp is located in Santiago, Veraguas. There I translated for the guest speaker, Pastor Bob Gray II. God worked in a mighty way, two of our teens surrendered to the mission field. Praise God!!! Unfortunately, the first day of camp a young teenage boy from the church in Santiago drowned, later in the week a teenage boy from our church broke his leg, two pastors who came out to the camp were involved in a bad accident and one of them is still in the hospital (Pastor Casasola). The very same week the transmission on our car broke. It was a week of trials but GREAT victories.

We are praying for you, your family and the church. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support for the Rodriguez Family in Panama!

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