

SERVING IN PANAMA



THE RODRIGUEZ FAMILY

REACHING PANAMA FOR CHRIST

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Greetings from the tropics of Central America, Panama. We would like to thank each one of you for taking the time to read our newsletter, for your financial support, but most importantly for keeping us in your prayers. We are all in this together!

Northwest Bible Baptist Church in Panama: We were excited to have our home church send a group to visit us this year! Bro. Robideau preached a mission's conference for our church. Many of the people in the group taught children's classes not only for the mission conference but also for our feeding centers and church services. Not only were they a blessing to us directly but they were also a blessing to the Manna Children's Home as they painted the entire building, AND we had pizza and ice cream afterwards!

Trip to Peru: I had the opportunity to go on a mission trip with Sherwood Baptist Church, Odessa, TX. It was a great experience, not only to be in the middle of the forest in the Amazons but also to meet new people and get to know them. The village we visited, Nuevo Jardin, is located off the Amazon River. Aidan Hernandez, a young preacher boy from my church in Panama also accompanied me. As a group we were able to teach and preach the gospel. Many people made the decision to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour.

Nutritional Center in El Higo: As mentioned in previous letters, we have purchased land with the purpose to build a feeding center on our own land. Currently we are using borrowed space. The location of the land is in a different district where our church is located and apparently there are many more loops to jump through in this other district to secure all the necessary permissions. In the meantime, we are busy preparing the land. The land was full of trees and roots. It has been a lot of hard work, but our crew cut down trees and uprooted the trunks, bushes and whatever else needed to be cleared out.

We also ran into a setback with the town allowing us to have a water connection, so we started on a new project...digging a well. That was also a lot of hard work, and it paid off in the end with water. We now have our own well with water! Praise the Lord for our crew of hard workers!

Seminario Bautista El Faro: Classes began in March. We currently have 15 students. It is exciting teaching and investing in the next generation. We are looking for sponsors that would like to invest in their lives. Any amount is a blessing.

Special Prayer Request: Please pray for my mom, she has blockage in the arteries leading to her heart. Also, pray for Tracy's mom, she is having health issues as well.

May God continue to bless you,
Your servants in Christ,

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