

# The Rodriguez Family



## October 2016

Dear Pastor and Friends,

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. We covet your prayers and support. Here is a little update on God's work in our part of Panama.

**11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** We celebrated our church's 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary in September. We had a great time, great attendance, decisions were made. Many of the visitors that came, have continued to attend church.



**A New Outreach:** "Farm Miro" is a farm for juvenile boys. Some of these boys may have been abandoned, some may have gotten into trouble with the law, the reasons why they are there vary. God has opened the door for us to go there every Thursday, I teach a Bible lesson, Tracy teaches English. It is not required for the boys to attend our classes but every week so far we have seen between 15-25 attend. Our prayer request is to be able to change their future, point them to Christ and at the same time

develop a relationship with them so when they do get out of there, they know that we are there to help them. Most, if not all, in this situation, will just return to their way of life when they get out. We want to try to change that. Please pray for these boys/teens. We can go and preach/teach but God is the only one who can work from the inside. There is one teen begging me every week to teach him guitar. I could teach him but I need to get a guitar to leave at the center so he, and anyone else who has a desire to learn, can practice. If anyone is interested in sponsoring this guitar, please contact me ([panama4jesus@yahoo.com](mailto:panama4jesus@yahoo.com)).



**Our Family:** In 2014, God lead us to open our home to five sisters, the Marcucci sisters. It is basically a foster type situation but set up directly through their father. Yes, we almost doubled in size, going from a family of six to a family of eleven. We are a family of eleven living in a three-bedroom house (at least we have two bathrooms). We have opened our doors to them until the day they (or their dad) decide to leave. We provide their food, lodging, school expenses, among other expenses but most importantly their

spiritual guidance. We have had many adjustments (on both sides of the fence-our kids and the five sisters). The reason why we feel led to include this in our letter is because there have been many times people have commented to us "I was not aware that you had these girls". Please pray for our family! Pray for us as we try to not only provide for our family but also guide them spiritually to follow Christ.

We have had quite a few birthdays since our last letter: Tracy's in September, Evelyn turned 12 in October, Noris Marcucci turned 16 also in October. Milena and Mileydis Marcucci both turned 14 November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you SO much for your faithful prayers and support. We covet your prayers!

Your servants in Christ,

Rafael & Tracy Rodriguez

#### Prayer Requests:

##### Family-

1. 12-passenger van for our family (we are a family of 11)
2. The funds to add on another room and a bathroom to our house
3. The funds to put up a fence around our house for more security
4. The funds for homeschool curriculum for our kids (**Prayer request answered**)

##### Ministry-

1. Another van or bigger vehicle for our church. We have 1 bus and 1 minivan, both we load up to maximum and make double trips.
2. The funds to finish our building this year.
3. To reach more people for Christ, and for spiritual growth.

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