

The Rodriguez Family



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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.

Since our last letter, our whole church building has concrete floor, the whole church has been spackled, also the whole building has been blocked up. It has been exciting to see how God has provided for each project that we lay before us. Our upcoming projects include, more electrical work, the bathroom installations, doors, windows, ceiling, tiles, and finishing touches. Thank you for praying with us for God to provide for our construction. We ask for you to continue to pray as our building progresses.

God has been doing great things regarding our construction but at the same time the devil has been busy. Please pray for us, our family and our church family, many have been going through trials and hard times. We rest in God's promise that THROUGH HIM we are MORE than conquerors.

A rather unsettling situation unfolded one Thursday night as we were finishing up with our mid-week service. A 15 years old teen, lived in front of our church with his family, was shot and killed in his house. He along with his sisters attended our church but that night they did not. We were able to be there for his family, the sisters came to our house that night and we prayed with them. They have since moved but are in contact with us. We held the funeral at

our church, the gospel was presented, many people from the community and family of the deceased teen were present.

This situation also opened the door for us to reach out to a group of guys who are always playing soccer next to our church, the deceased teen also participated with the soccer games. We know these guys, many had come to our church when they were little. One Sunday evening when the players were arriving, a group of us went out and divided up. We each took a few and shared the gospel. There were some that just listened, others trusted in Christ as their Saviour. The next evening service, we had a group listening to the message outside of our window. One service we had a player come in and participate with us. Please pray for these teens and young men, some are mixed up in gangs, drugs, bad life. Please pray for us that we can shine Jesus in their world.

Please pray for Dolega, not only Dolega but all of Panama. The violence is rising, gangs, drugs, teen pregnancies, and the list goes on. We know for a fact that there is witchcraft all throughout our town, many practicing witchdoctors. Please pray for Dolega and please pray for us and our church as we continue to spread Jesus during these dark times.

Our family has been well, although we have been battling colds and respiratory sicknesses for about two weeks. We've had two birthdays in August: Rafael Jr is now 7 years old and Elizabeth Marcucci is 10 years old.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

Your servants in Christ,



Rafael & Tracy Rodriguez

Prayer Requests:

Family-

1. 15/16 passenger van for our family
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

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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