



January 2010

The Rodriguez Family
Your Missionaries in Panamá

Warm Greetings from Panama! We hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We are excited to see what the Lord has planned for us in 2010. We have a full schedule and are off to a running start this year with a Fires of Evangelism Conference, Camp, VBS, and much more.

Tract Distribution: The month of November is when Panama celebrates its independence. A visiting group from Heritage Baptist Church in Kansas brought over 50,000 handouts that had the plan of salvation printed on it and we were able to hand them out at all of the major parades in our state. Praise the Lord!

Mother's Day in Panama: Panama celebrates Mother's Day on December 8th. We had over 30 moms that attended our Mother's Day Banquet. We also had a group of 15 teens that went from house to house singing serenades all night long.

Christmas: We had a fun time with our Feeding Center Christmas party. My wife took some of the ladies with her to buy the presents for all of the children and plus some extras. We had presents, food, cake, and a piñata with 20 lbs of candy. What an experience it is making a difference in their lives. We also had a special church service on Christmas Eve with almost 80 in attendance and LOTS of food. One by one we all gave thanks to God for what He did for us in 2009 and we anticipate more in 2010.

Attendance: The church attendance has been running 130-150 now and we praise the Lord for the hard work of our soulwinning group. We also praise the Lord that we are able to see visitors and salvations every week. We are praying for a baptistry of some sort especially now that it is summer. All of the natural baptisteries (rivers) are dried up and the ones that are not dried up are packed with inappropriately dressed people.

Bro. Fabio's Graduation: We were excited to attend Bro. Fabio's graduation from Bible College. What an exciting time for him and his family. He has graduated and is ready to serve and now is just waiting for the Lord's guidance. Please pray Bro. Fabio and his family. They are a blessing to have in our ministry.

Please pray for Maria... When we first started the church, Maria and her kids were attending the church and we were praying for her husband to come to church. She stopped coming to church, not for any specific reason and now just about 3 years later she is back in church WITH her husband and two of her kids. Her husband and her kids got saved and she received assurance of her salvation. They all got baptized together. We are really excited that they are in church together and to see her husband serving in the church now as one of our bus drivers. Please pray for this family as they grow spiritually. Also keep them in your prayers because we can see the devil attacking them through other problems that have come up in just this month.

We are excited to see so many new faces in the church. We are busy working with new converts and praying that these new converts will have a desire to serve God in the church. We are praying for more Sunday School teachers and more workers in the church. We are excited to see what God has in store for us in 2010.

Prayer Request: We have two specific prayer requests that we are praying for: **\$1800 to install a central air unit;** at the same time we are also praying for **the Lord's guidance regarding a bigger place whether it be a building or property to build on for the church.**

Thank You for praying for the Rodriguez Family and for your faithful support. May God bless you!

Your Servants,

Rafael, Tracy, Evelyn, Emily and Rafael Jr. Rodríguez