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*The Rodriguez Family*  
*Missionaries in Panamá*

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Dear Pastor and Friends,

Greetings from Panama! It is always a pleasure for us to update you on the progress of the work here in Panama.

**Sixth Anniversary Celebration!** Another year has come and gone we just celebrated our Sixth Anniversary in September. Our people worked hard preparing for this celebration. **The Lord brought us 210 people to church and we saw 27 professions of faith.** Praise the Lord for the wonderful celebration and for His work that He has done these last six years.

**New Faces!** The Lord has blessed us with new faces every Sunday service these last couple of months; we are excited for these new visitors. By faith we have started a new bus route to pick people up for church. I say "By faith" because we really needed another van or church vehicle before we could start a new area but we have yet been able to buy a new vehicle so we re-arranged some areas and started the new bus route "by faith". **We are currently working with approximately 20 people who have come from this new area and many more who have promised to come.** We are excited to reach this new area for Christ. There is yet another area that we would like to reach where there is a new family who **walks about 2 hours** just to get to the bus stop where we pick them up for church. **We are still praying for another church vehicle.**

**We are blessed!** My wife has been homeschooling Evelyn this last year and she was praying for the Lord to provide curriculum. A couple of weeks ago we received not only curriculum for this year but also for next year...**FREE.** Praise the Lord, God is good.

**Special Request!** We always attempt to keep our letters upbeat and full of good news but we feel the need to share this special request with our supporting churches and friends. As you are well aware and most likely are experiencing the same, the financial and economic situation is very serious. We have been battling with the finances and have to admit that the times are rough financially for the church. We know that it is the same for many churches all over the world so we just ask you to pray with us and pray for us that the Lord will help us through this time. We are also praying for the Lord to work in our church members to be faithful with their tithes and offerings. And of course, we are also praying for the Lord to bless our soulwinning efforts and to bring us new members to our church family. We are grateful for all that God has done these six years that we have been in Panama.

**Temporary Help!** Miguel Gonzalez is a Bible college student at Pastor Willis' Bible Seminary and he has decided to "intern" at our church during his last semester. He took over the teen boy's Sunday School class which allowed me to start another Sunday School class for the couples. **So far there are 8 married couples attending the class.**

**I also would like to take this time to leave the invitation open to anyone who is looking to intern or serve on the mission field. We will DEFINITELY put you to work. Areas that you can serve: Sunday School classes, Music, Soulwinning and Discipleship, Bus Routes, Youth Department, Working with children in the feeding center (can include: tutoring, teaching Bible lessons, cooking, loving on the kids), VBS, Preaching/Teaching, etc. You pay for the plane ticket we will take care of everything else. If the opportunity ever comes up please contact us at [panama4jesus@yahoo.com](mailto:panama4jesus@yahoo.com).**

We thank the Lord for the work that He continues to do through us in Panama. We also thank the Lord that you have allowed us to represent you and your church in Panama. We would like to share some requests and needs with you and ask you and the church family to help us pray for these needs and requests.

1. **A bigger family car**
2. **The Lord to show us some land or a building where we can build or buy for the church**
3. **Spiritual growth in the members of the church**
4. **A computer for the printing ministry which will also be used for the church as well.**

Once again, thank you for your faithful prayers and support. God bless!

Sincerely Your Servants for Christ,

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