



Contreras Family Panamá City

Evangélizar y bautizar
 edificar iglesias y
 entrenar obreros

Dear pastor and families of the church:

We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, wishing in the Lord that you and all your family and church are well and enjoying all the blessings that the Lord gives us.

We here in Panama, are still encouraged to work for the Lord and his work. In these last months about seven people from the church have been added to the groups to soulwinning, this is wonderful for us because we can make more groups of two for evangelism and routes, so that we can cover many more areas of visitation. Although our Church is on the outskirts of the city, we are surrounded by neighborhoods classified as red areas, but thanks to the Lord for all these years the Lord has taken care of us and the soul-winning group, also because we visit areas where there are constantly shootings and seizures of drugs and sicariate etc.

A few weeks ago I was able to win for the Lord a man named **Ricardo Pinto**, 47 years old, he lives in the Nogales Colony No. 2 Calle 20, house 714, one kilometer from our Church; this man told me: Please, come in! I was with my son BÍlhan who is almost five years old and two more young people who are learning to soulwinning. This man told me, I have two weeks of getting out of jail I was paying a 12-year sentence but now that I am out I fear for my life; his body was all full of tattoos and cuts. The man looked for a shirt and sat down to listen to the gospel until he finally made the decision to accept Jesus as his personal savior. Glory to the Lord! He never told me why he was in jail, but we saw how the Lord worked in his heart and received the Lord. The truth is that 90 percent of exconvicts who leave prison here in Panama according to the news and statistics, they finished killed in no less than twelve months.

I was also able to win for Christ Joel Recuero and Alex Aparicio of 23 and 25 years old; the most curious thing about this is that these two young people about 11 years ago participated in some of our Vacation Bible schools when we did them in the Park. These young people recognized me as the pastor of the Baptist Church, I did not recognize them because they are already men although their faces were familiar to me. They both heard the gospel and after asking me some questions about the security of salvation they decided to receive and believe in Christ as their savior. I want to thank you for your prayers and support so that we can continue with the work of the Lord, there are so many experiences that we would love to tell you but it would be difficult through a single letter of report.

We thank God for the opportunity he gives us as a church to be a part in other parts of the world of bringing the gospel of salvation to the lost through support missions. In this year we have taken four missionaries who go to the mission field among them are: Fernando Justiniani to Italy, Luis Carlos Castillo to Colombia, Francisco Pascual to Indonesia and Cristian Madianero to the country of Ecuador. They all preached in our church and presented their burden and called to do the work of God.

In addition to all this, I thank the Lord for another year of life for my daughter Abihail, she turned 14 years old on September 2. My wife and I remember when she came to the mission field with us at the age of two months old. Thanks to the Lord she is already in her ninth grade and she is a useful servant to the Lord helping in kids bible class, nursery, soulwinning, choir, bus routes, etc.

Our requests are that the Lord give us his protection, provision and his power to do his work. We ask for a building for the Church. We also ask for provision to be able to cancel a property that is owed a sum of money and perhaps use it as a guarantee for a plot of land for the church. For our American visas for next year and to visit them and our relatives too. We appreciate your support and your prayers for us in this mission field where the Lord has placed us.

You can send your first help with a registration information form for the agency database that I attached you with this letter. Checks must go to the Central Missionary Clearinghouse (or CMC) and sent to this address that we put in this paragraph below. **CENTRAL MISSIONARY CLEARINGHOUSE, PO Box 219228 Houston TX 77218-9228**. Only the first submission is with that form information, then you do not need to submit form again.

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