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Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.

II Thessalonians 3:1



PRAYER REQUESTS

- > Growth of new converts
- > Sunday School class
- > Bus ministry
- > Missionary visa
- > Upcoming events:
 - Kids' Program—
"King's Kids"
- > More salvation decisions

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But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 19:14

Being able to work with the young people the past few months has been such a blessing to me. As you recall in my last newsletter, I asked you to pray for the upcoming camps. Thank you! I know you were faithful in doing so, and we saw great things from God. The theme of camp this year was "Victory over Giants." The "giants" in our lives are the sins that we struggle with and fears that are holding us back from serving God. These young people face the same struggles and fears that many times we, as adults, face. Dishonesty, disobedience, and bad attitudes were among the many "giants" that fell at junior camp.

This week of junior camp represented several "firsts." This was the first time that the local churches had a camp specifically for 7 to 12 year olds. In years past, the camp was for 7 year olds through 18 year olds, and typically the younger kids would not go. This year we had over 50 kids attend junior camp. Junior camp here in Panama is not really any different than junior camp in the U.S.A. The juniors were divided into teams and competed for the right to be camp champions. The competitions consisted of memorizing Bible verses, singing specials in chapel services, and competing in various sports. This week was also a first for me in that I never had the opportunity to attend camp when I was younger, much less help direct a camp. Wow! Thank you for praying!

The second week of February was teen camp. Teen camp was more intense than junior camp in both its competitions and services. The teens were given the challenge of learning over 100 Bible verses as they competed for their team. The guest speaker for teen camp was Brother Marc Johnson, the Spanish Pastor from Fellowship Baptist in Durham, North Carolina. We had some great services. These



teens have giants in their lives that they struggle with daily. Every service the altars were filled with young people and decisions were made. Ana Gonzales, a recent high school graduate, answered the call to full time service. Please pray for her as she will soon be entering our seminary program for Bible Studies. At the end of each week, pictures were taken, champions were recognized, but many decisions faced these young people as they prepared to return home. Please continue to pray for them.

After two weeks of camp, I returned to the city of David and started planning for Bible Clubs. In each area that we run a bus route, we planned a Bible Club. We had over 30 Bible Clubs in two weeks. During the first week, I was working in an area called Divino Nino. On the first day we had over 40 children. We gave prizes for bringing visitors and quoting memory verses. We sang, played games, and, most importantly, shared a gospel message: many souls were saved! By the end of the week, our Bible Club had 98 children! They would barely fit in the small house that we were meeting in. I am happy to say that over 40 children received Christ as their personal Savior. Today, we are seeing much fruit from this Bible Club. The Sunday following the week of Bible Club, there were 68 people on the bus coming to church!

One night at camp while all the campers were eating, I found myself looking around at the many faces of the young people and asking myself: What will be their future? How will God use them? I pray that I can make a difference—make a difference for Christ!

Continue to keep me in your prayers. Thank you all for your prayers and support!

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