



# Jeff Jones

## Missionary to David, Panama

*“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.”*

*Romans 10:1*

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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
- ◆ Bus Ministry
- ◆ More bus drivers
- ◆ Missionary visa
- ◆ Salvation and baptism goals
- ◆ Upcoming junior & teen camps

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Merry Christmas from Panama! Thanksgiving has past, and Christmas is already at the door as I write to you. As this year comes to an end, I want each of you to know that I am thankful for you. When Christmastime came when I was a child, every year I was asked what I wanted for Christmas. I would like to ask you that same question: What do you want for Christmas? The Apostle Paul said that his heart’s desire and prayer to God was that Israel might be saved. That is also my desire this Christmastime and throughout the year.

Our year is coming to an end, and I trust we all will be able to finish well. Just as Paul desired the salvation of others, we at Iglesia Bautista Biblica de David desire that as well. For the year of 2009, we set some church-wide salvation and baptism goals. Our goal was to see 5,000 salvation decisions made and have 500 baptisms. Although we have not quite reached those goals, we are getting close! As of the end of November, we have seen 3,753 salvation decisions and 279 baptisms. Praise God! Please continue to pray that our goals will be reached and many more names will be added to the Book of Life.

I want to thank all of you who have been praying for me and supporting me. These past few months have been challenging at times, but I am thankful that God has allowed me to be in Panama serving HIM and being a part of His work, regardless of good times or bad. I was treated like a king—or the prodigal son come home—when I was able to attend the annual Missions Conference at Faith Free Will Baptist Church in October. Be it king or prodigal, I was treated well, and I want to thank everyone from Faith.

Please continue to pray for our bus ministry. We hope to get some new buses from the United States in the days ahead. We have been offered four newer buses at no cost, provided we pay cost of shipping to and entrance into Panama (approximately \$4,000 per bus). We have recently sold one of our buses in an attempt to raise funds. We have also experienced several mechanical failures. However, we continue to have good atten-

dance on our buses—averaging 500 on Sunday mornings. Please pray that God will provide us with more bus drivers. Every Sunday, the bus from one area alone brings 80 to 90 people. I have no doubt that if we had another driver, we could send another bus to that area and bring even more souls to church to hear the Gospel.

We have some of the busiest months ahead in January and February being these are the summer months in Panama. January 18-21 is the Fire of Evangelism Conference here in David, and I am responsible for all the transportation and the preparation of the location we have rented for this conference. We are praying for a nightly attendance of 1,500 people. Please pray

with us that we will reach our attendance goals and that men and women’s lives will be challenged.

December 8 was Mother’s Day here in Panama. We had three groups of young people who went out singing and serenading most of the night to mothers in the church. These young people sang out of love and as a means to raise funds to go to camp. Camp is another activity that is coming up in February. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Junior Camp will be the first week of February, and the Teen Camp will take place the third week. Every year, many young people who want to attend camp are unable to because they lack the money. What a blessing it would be for someone to sponsor some of these young people! The junior’s cost is only \$28 per child for a week of camp. The teen camp costs \$30 per teen for a week. If God lays it on your heart to support one or more of these young people, please let me know by emailing me at [jonespanama@gmail.com](mailto:jonespanama@gmail.com). Any funds can be sent to:

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I would like to thank Pastor Rodney Holloman for his help in preparing a web blog. Although I do not have much knowledge of web blogs, I invite you to visit mine as I try to keep it updated with current information. You can visit at [www.panamajeff.com](http://www.panamajeff.com).

May God bless you!

*Jeff Jones*



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