

YaÑez family, serving the lord in Panama

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But I World ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; Philipians 1:12

This year has been one of the most difficult in my personal life and in the ministry.

One factor that has greatly influenced the grow of our activity level has been the health of my mother whom has been diagnosed with leukemia in February, but thanks be to God she has recovered from a critical state and is recuperating at home, leaving behind months of bitter experiences. The good in all this is her faith is increasing.

The Lord always good and merciful has permitted me to continue with the radio programs which continue to impact the lives of multitudes, in the same way as the bible correspondence courses that we send to all our listening audience, this permites us to make new contacts and iniciate discipleship clases with the interested.

Discipleship has been a key to extend the message of the gospel to all the nation, I have worked hard to train the brethren in the different areas, as also my wife has worked with the women, who are training others in many regiones and this awakens a missionary spirit in the local congregations. This year we have continued the preaching points and discipleship which has oponed doors to have other preaching points, among these are the community of Rincón de Las Palmas, where we were lent a house to be able to hold services for the disciples, La Concepción in the house of a brother, Cerro Puerco in the indigenous area, Bajos de Higuí and San Juan de Dios in jungle areas. New members in the congregation of Santiago and we are helping the work in the Province of Bocas del Toro.

Another important Project that we are developing is the public school ministry in this nation. After presenting required documentation and various months of preperation I started with my wife and three disciples. We began visiting the schools in this country to share an hour of Bible lessons in which we present a clear gospel to the students, teachers and families using a flanograph, clowns, puppets, songs, preaching and prayer with them. We even left them with a little booklet of Bible verses with each student. The results have been comforting and open doors continue to open to go to new schools with the message of the gospel. I appreciate our church, Mission Blvd. Baptist Church (Fayetteville, AR), Metropolitan Baptist Church (Ft. Worth, TX) and Berean Baptist Church (Houston, TX). Among others which have made it posible to visit 18 Schools in different areas of this country. The cost of visiting each school is approximately \$100.00 which incluyes meals, transportation, materials among other things. As we receive support, we will continue visiting more schools. We have run into difficulties doing big schools where we really need sound equipment with four wireless microphones which are expensive.

In our small printing press we have been working hard to produce the necessary materials, including the Bible correspondence courses as well as literature for the schools. We appreciate the Lord for the brethren of the church, Bethel in the city of Cañazas for their support of laborers.

.We have distributed thousands of tracts, New Testaments and Bible studies.

I want to thank the Lord for the opportunity to have traveled to Nicaragua to share in a conference and also a trip to Ecuador to offer the Bible correspondence courses in five

different cities, encourage brethren in the evangelization of the South American countries.

Praise the Lord for the people who have received salvation, others baptized and added to the church, new congregations starting, thank the Lord for the new preachers, Sunday school teachers, missionaries and the team that helps me with the school presentations

Also, after living in Cañazas for five years we needed move to the city of Santiago to begin a new stage of our missionary work. I believe it to a central point where I can serve people from different areas of the country, it being a situated in the centrals provinces. I have been able to enroll my children in school and the Lord have provided us a very nice house. Little by little we are gathering the needed things to fill the new house.

We are preparing for the dry season in Panama in which we can go into the mountainous regiones and indigenus areas to preach.

I apréciate your prayers for

- The health of my mother who is recovering from leucemia.
- God to provide the funds for needed tools for our public school, printing, and radio ministries.
- The needs of my family in our move to our new home.

The blessings of God be with you always.

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