



The Willis Family

Missionaries to Panama

MERRY CHRISTMAS

December 12, 2008

Dear Friends,

We hope and pray that this Christmas season brings you much joy and blessings from the Lord. December is always a very busy month in the country of Panama. In December we celebrate Mothers Day (8th), end of the school year (March-December), Graduations, Christmas and New Years Eve, and it does not stop there for us, because the first Sunday of the year is our churches' anniversary. This year we will be celebrating our Sixteenth anniversary. Thank you so much for the special offerings in December which always help us cover all of the extra expenses during this busy time.

At the time that this letter is being put into the mail we have already celebrated five Christmas parties, and we have a few more to go. We have four feeding centers, the girls home, the church and we also have a party for all of the preachers and their families here in our fellowship. My wife does a great job shopping and buying gifts for over 200 children (clothing), and that does not include our immediate family. Our church saves up more than \$1,200.00 to buy gifts for over 350 children in our church, and we also have a Sunday where we give away bags of "goodies" to over 500 children.

The months of October and November were very fruitful. We started by having our annual Patriotic Sunday on the last Sunday of October. We invited five high school marching bands to come to our church on this Sunday morning, and we formed our own parade with our Sunday School classes and these bands. After the parade was finished all of the members of the bands were invited to come into the auditorium and listen to the Preaching, receive their prizes, and feed them lunch. Our church people could not fit in the auditorium with them, so we had closed circuit television for them to see. Over 350 young people were in the auditorium and over 150 stood up in the invitation and received Christ as their personal Lord and Savior! Praise the Lord! We also had a two day outreach after the parades in downtown David and we had over 40 people saved in this activity.

On November 30, we invited the Fire Department to come to our church, but the day the fire truck was to come we had a constant rain, day and night. The fire truck did not come but the band from the Fire Department did. They played patriotic and Christmas songs for the congregation and afterwards we fed them lunch and witnessed to them. Over 30 members of the Fire Department trusted in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. All of this is possible thanks to your faithful support.

On November 15 we had our third College Graduation and three students graduated! Praise the Lord! We held our annual Family Conference in November with over 400 in the evenings. Pastor Minge from Washington State came to preach! What a blessing He and his people were to our folks! We had over 250 people saved in our services in November! Your support keeps us going and doing more and more.

In His Service,

Thank you for your support and offerings: October \$____; November \$____

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