



# the SHIELDS family

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Third generation missionaries church planting in Panama

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In September, we were blessed by a visit from artist/evangelist Ray Dombeck from Mississippi. He painted a beautiful mural behind the baptistry and preached an evangelistic conference. Our church canvassed town inviting people to the special services. Ethan met 84 year old Cecilia a few weeks prior and invited her to church. Since then, Ethan has been giving the people in her house rides to services. Each night at the conference, Bro. Dombeck utilized his art skills to point people to Jesus.

The conference was a huge success. Bro. Dombeck preached five times in two churches and a total of **five people trusted Christ!** One lady is Ngäbe, two were visiting from Venezuela, and two are Panamanian. One of those ladies is Cecilia! She immediately began telling others about Jesus and how they needed to be saved too.



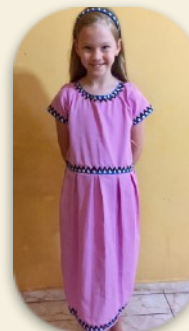
## \*Mini Furlough\*



We will be in the USA from Nov. 8 through Feb. 27. Our plans include visiting family so they can meet Julia, and visiting churches to raise more support and funds for the hangar project. We will mostly be in OH, TX, and LA/MS. Contact us if you would like to have us come to your church. Please do it quickly though as we only have a small amount of available dates.

Please **pray** for Beth's mom, Erine Watts. She has cancer again and has recently started chemo treatments. Thankfully, we will be able to spend time with her at the beginning and end of our trip.

Ethan had the privilege to help preach at a wedding last month. The Ngäbe people don't have marriage in their culture so many people attended simply out of curiosity. Pastor Ramon previously had two women, but then realized the Bible says he should only have one woman and he should marry her. It was an exciting event that was an excellent example for others.



Elena turned 10 years old on September 18. To celebrate, she invited her twin friends to go with her to a trampoline park and to sleep over. Elena was given a beautiful "nagua" and matching headband that were handmade by one of the Ngäbe ladies from church.

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