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Third generation missionaries church planting in Panama

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Check out our new logo
that Beth designed!

The annual Family Conference in Molejón was attended by over 400 people. There were classes for adults and children throughout the day and services at night. Ethan preached on Saturday night and **3 adults got saved!** By the end of the conference, **a**



total of 11 people put their faith in Christ for salvation!



A church in Panama City brought 75 members to put on the "Caravana de Bendición" program at New Hope Baptist Church in San Félix. **Around 500 people attended these special services** which included

Bible classes for all ages, gifts, and games.

New Hope Bible Institute has officially started a new year of classes. We changed the format this year to better suit everyone's schedule and we now have more students. We even hold classes at two different churches; one in San Félix as normal, and one in the comarca in Tugrí. There are over 15 students from multiple towns between the two locations. The majority of them are in first year classes and the two students from last year are back again for second year classes.



Please **pray** for Beth's health. She has been having heart trouble, shortness of breath, extreme fatigue, and other bizarre symptoms. She has seen four doctors with different specialties and we still have no definite diagnosis.

Summertime here in Panama is such a busy season. Our entire team has been hopping and won't be slowing down any time soon. Here is a quick recap of recent activities and some prayer requests.

Ethan took Noah with him and a small team of people to the village of Guayabal. There they held 2 days of special services, classes for children, and passed out gifts donated by a local business. Over 200 people attended and there were **5 salvation**



decisions! Noah enjoyed sleeping in a hammock, hiking, and spending man time with Ethan. Thanks to the Oldenburg family of Multi Ministries Panama, we gave Pastor Evaristo a Proclaimer (solar powered audio Bible).



Work continues to progress on the ministry land. A topographical study and soil samples are done. We compiled paperwork and presented it to two different environmental agencies. Now we are in a three month long waiting period while the government reviews our project. **Pray** with us for a favorable response.

Over 200 children in 6 different churches enjoyed VBS about the Armor of God so far this year. **10 kids accepted Christ!** VBS is planned for at least 3 more villages over the next several weeks. Pray for even more fruit!