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Third generation missionaries church planting in Panama

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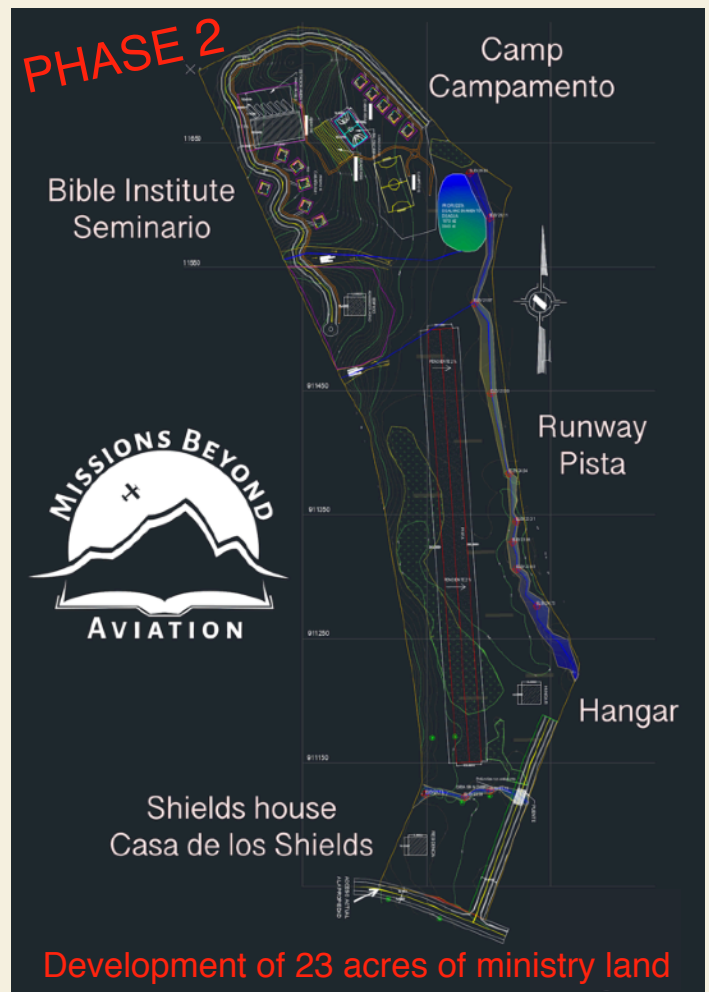
We have been so busy these past few months! We flew to the USA around the beginning of September for a nine week trip and hit the ground running. We went to the USA for multiple reasons; Missions Conference at our home church and to raise more support, the return of the cancer in Beth's mom (Erine Watts), and to attend to some matters regarding the airplane.

Various sicknesses plagued us the entire trip, which did cancel some of our plans. However, we were still able to spend time with our families, our home church, and many friends. Ethan preached in fifteen churches and three Christian schools in five different states, plus a church in Costa Rica on the way home. The most exciting part is Ethan and Noah FLEW our airplane from Ohio to the Texas/Mexico border! A fellow missionary/pilot, Jonathan Latham, offered Ethan a free spot in his hangar until we are able to bring the plane to Panama. This is a savings of \$200 per month and now the plane has already made 1/3 of the trip to us!

Having the plane closer to Panama is especially exciting because we are now **raising funds to move forward with the ministry land development!** God has given us the green light to move forward with land movement and construction. We need to raise approximately \$200,000 which will accomplish several things-

- Level land and build internal roads
- Build hangar
- Condition and legalize landing strip
- Begin construction on other buildings

Many men from several churches have volunteered to donate their labor to help save money! We are grateful for people willing to sacrifice their time and use their talents and expertise to serve the Lord. God is bringing everything together and we are already thanking Him *in faith* for how He will provide the necessary funding. Please **pray** with us for the money to come in quickly. The window for major land movement is during dry season which runs from January-April. Construction of buildings can proceed even in rainy season the rest of the year. We are **praying** that we are able to host a primitive camp on the land NEXT YEAR!



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