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We have seen much fruit from outreach activities in the past few weeks. God is moving in a mighty way here in Panama! We held special Christmas outreaches in three different places. The first two were located in the comarca, one at the church in Julí and one at the church plant in Cerro Flores. After the preaching time, we gave out presents provided by a local business. The largest event was at our main base, New Hope Baptist Church in San Félix. This activity was put on by a church from Panama City. **18 children accepted Christ** that day!

Ethan recently preached part of a Family Conference in Rio Fonseca. There was good attendance and a sweet spirit amongst the people.

Also recently, **1 man got saved** at the church in Pilón!



The congregations in the villages of Oma and Quebrada de Loro have new metal roofs to meet under. Termites had ruined the old wooden poles, so it was a blessing that the roofs could be replaced before the gusty winds of dry season arrived.

Our team has already hosted the first missions group of 2020. This joint group from Georgia and Costa Rica ran a VBS in Rio Fonseca and preached an evangelistic conference in San Félix. **Various people received Christ as Savior** through these outreaches- **26 kids and 2 adults** in Rio Fonseca and **2 men** in San Félix! Two of these people Ethan was able to counsel and lead to Christ. Our team plans to hold VBS in at least eight more churches over the next two months. Please **pray** for much fruit!



- The next several months will be very busy, but also full of exciting things. **Pray** for the following:
- Visit from a translation team from Mexico interested in translating or revising the New Testament in Ngäbere, the language of our indigenous Ngäbe people.
 - Family Conference in Molejón that most of our churches attend. It is always a great time of teaching and fellowship.
 - Baptisms in San Félix. Our son, Noah, will be baptized!