

APRIL 2012

CALVARY CHAPEL

Panamá



eXtreme living!

We kicked off the year with our exciting Vacation Bible School outreach in the month of February. Our theme this year was “vida eXtrema” (Extreme Living)—where we shared with the children how to live an exciting and extreme life for Jesus. We used examples from the life of the Apostle Paul, missionary Jim Elliot, and the life of Jesus Himself. It was a whirlwind of energy and fun for the 85 children who showed up each day!

It was awesome to see not only our regular church kids, but also many children from the surrounding communities, showing up and learning more about living a fulfilled and satisfying life with Jesus.

We concluded our VBS outreach with an awards ceremony, during our Wednesday evening service. The children invited their loved ones to come out and hear the songs they learned during the week. It was a great opportunity to share the wonderful message of the gospel with children and adults alike.

We are convinced that investing in the lives of little ones has eternal rewards.

Summer Teams

We are looking forward to a busy but blessed summer. Please keep the following missions teams in prayer as they prepare to come out and serve alongside CC Panamá.

- Calvary Chapel Tennessee
- Calvary Chapel La Habra
- Calvary Chapel South Seattle
- Calvary Chapel Santa Fe Springs
- Calvary Chapel Seneca Falls, NY

*How beautiful are the feet of those
who preach the gospel of peace, who
bring glad tidings of good things!*
Romans 10:15

Family Camp: *Absolute Surrender*

We recently enjoyed our 2nd annual family camp here at CC Panamá. The church body was able to get away for a weekend in a nearby campground and enjoy a time of sweet fellowship with Jesus and with one another.

This year's theme was Absolute Surrender, based on Romans 12:1-2. Several of the brothers prepared the Bible studies that encouraged us to give Him our all and allow Him to transform us for His glory.

It really was a blessed weekend, full of fun, food and fellowship. Young and old enjoyed their time in the Word, games, movie night and of course, swimming in the pool.

We concluded our camp with Sunday morning communion, thanking God for the gift of His Son. We are already looking forward to our next camp!



Ministering to the Buglere

*What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits toward me?
Psalm 116:12*

The truth is that we cannot repay God for all He has done, what He is doing and what He will do for us, but we can give testimony of His grace and mercy. Everyday we are given the opportunity to demonstrate the love of Jesus made real in our lives—at our workplace, at school, with friends or family; there will always be opportunity to testify of the manifold mercies of God toward us.

Recently, we had the opportunity to visit a community near the coast of the Caribbean. It was a tremendous blessing to reach this area and see firsthand that our work in the Lord is not in vain. About 50 years ago, missionaries from New Tribes Mission arrived to this area. As a result, many people heard the gospel and some of them are still serving in the local churches that sprung up through that adventure of faith. We were invited to go and share at their annual conference and were filled with joy as we watched these people overcome obstacles such as having to walk long distances through rain and having to cross rivers while carrying their children. As we encouraged and exhorted them to stand firm in the faith, we were able to see God's grace as He multiplied the food for almost 300 attendees. On the second day of the conference, a couple came up to me asking me to marry them, because they wanted to live in holiness before God; this was wonderful because the Buglere people do not have a high esteem of the marriage commitment. So, you can imagine the surprise this was to all the church body. On the final day of the conference, there was yet another surprise. One of the women approached me and asked me to pray for her baby because she wanted to dedicate him to the Lord. As I explained what the Scriptures say regarding the dedication of our children, two men carrying their children, walked up to the front wanting to dedicate their children as well. In a culture where women and children are not valued, it was wonderful to see that the Word of God never returns void. Glory to God, may He be honored forever! The sad part was having to say goodbye to the brethren as we parted. As we said our goodbyes, we encouraged them to continue to study the Word daily and grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, our great God.

Upon our return home, we faced several difficulties on our journey as we traveled eight hours over the ocean under intense rain. There were frightening moments due to the danger of being shipwrecked, but we trusted that God was with us and if He willed, we would arrive home safely.

I would like to thank all of the churches in the United States who were praying for our protection during our trip, and most importantly, thank Jesus Christ who was faithful to protect us from all danger.

To Him be the honor and glory forever!!!

Bert Almazan



News!!!

We are grateful to the Lord for providing us with new missionary housing, where we will be able to host all missionary teams that come during the year. It is a blessing to have this home, located next to the church facility.



PRAY FOR...

- Upcoming missions teams
- Firefighters for Christ—
upcoming outreach/training
- Marriages and families of
CC Panamá
- The youth of Panamá

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