



THE SUDDETH FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

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On May 8, I (Clip) had a small surgery. The surgery seems to have been a success, and I am recovering well. The days following the surgery gave me time to rest, recuperate, and reflect on our life and ministry in Panamá. There is much I could write, but I'd like to take this opportunity to brag on Mary. (She does not know I am sending this out, nor would she give her permission for me to do so. I suppose I'm living dangerously.)

In many ways a missionary's life is no different from anyone else's. There are kids to raise, chores to do, errands to run, a house to clean, food to cook, activities to attend, commitments at church, etc.

The fact is that often times in our newsletters you read about seminars, Bible studies, classes in churches, exploration trips - various things that are a part of our lives as missionaries. I rarely write about what Mary does. Why not? Quite simply, she does not want the attention. However, in addition to doing all the things a wife and mom does, she is a teacher (Isaac is homeschooled), she encourages other missionaries, she does ministry among children, she discipled other women, and so much more.

There is no way I could adequately describe what Mary does. In fact, I realize there is no way I could adequately describe what any wife and mom does. Every day I thank the Lord for Mary for so many reasons. I simply want to praise her and acknowledge to you her vital role in our ministry. Mary, I want to publicly say to you:

"Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

(Proverbs 31:29)



Left: On this particular day, Mary did crafts, played games, and read Bible stories to children in the community of Espavé.

Above: Mary and a young woman, Sara, in a time of discipleship.