



THE SUDDETH FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

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This month marks 4 years that we have been on the mission field. Wow! As we reflect on this reality, several thoughts come to our minds. We think of **God's faithfulness**, His patience, His provision, His care, His blessings, and so much more. **He is so good to us!** We have prayed many times, "Lord, we do not ask You for an easy life, but a life filled with joy in You." By His grace, we certainly have experienced His joy and peace here in Panamá.

We also think of **your faithfulness**. Many of you have sacrificially, generously, and faithfully partnered with us in the gospel through your financial support since the beginning of our time as missionaries. And you pray for us and the ministry here. What an honor for us. **Thank you! You are a vital part of the ministry here in Panamá!**

We do thank the Lord for these 4 years, and we look forward to serving Him 40+ more years in Panamá if it seems good to Him to work through us.

The spiritual needs in Panamá abound, and we are as convinced as ever that solid, spiritually healthy local churches are needed. And in order to have those types of local churches we must also prepare solid, spiritually healthy pastors. After all, Paul told the elders in Ephesus, "Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood" (Acts 20:28). What a privilege and responsibility pastors have!

So, by God's grace, we will **serve Him**, as long as we are alive, **focusing on the local church and the equipping of pastors**. And our prayer is that it will all be to the glory of our great God!



The Lord has given us good, godly friends here. On July 4, we were able to celebrate with a few of them. From L to R are Melissa, Nelson, Emily, and Carolina.



Isaac and one of his friends, Byron, had a staring contest before a church service one Sunday morning.