

THE SUDDETH FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

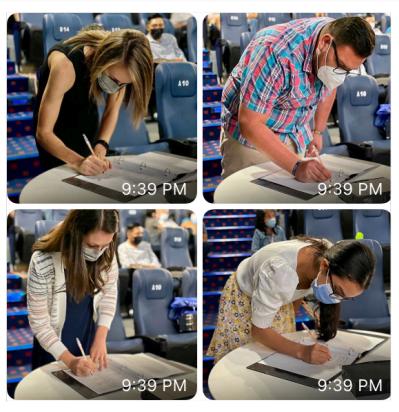
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The audio Bibles that will be distributed in San Antonio.

Ministry Update from San Antonio

Last month we shared with you that there are some in the Wounaan community of San Antonio that cannot read. This month we have a praise. Anne Kerley, a good friend and project partner with Global Faith Mission Agency, is able to give us some Messengers (audio Bibles from In Touch Ministries). Amanda Goodman, another good friend, will be visiting us December 19-23, and she will bring the Messengers down with her. Therefore, our plan is to take these audio Bibles to the people of San Antonio on December 21.



New members of IBCV:

Emily, José, Ashley, and Marlenys

New Members at IBCV

We completed our latest membership class on Monday, November 29. After participating in the class, the next step for those interested in becoming members is to have a meeting with the pastors. We have already met with four people, and the church officially welcomed them as members on December 5! A few more meetings are scheduled this week, so we expect to welcome four to six more members sometime in December. God is faithfully bringing people to IBCV who desire to glorify Him and make a difference in the communities of Panamá Oeste (West Panama).

Men's Meeting

Twenty-two men gathered together at Nelson's house for a few hours on December 4. Nelson shared the importance for us as men to have godly friends and to be a godly friend. Several others had some good and encouraging insights, which was nice given the fact that there is not much time to have those types of conversations and interactions on a Sunday morning. Of course, afterwards, everyone ate a lot of food - everything from Dominos Pizza to typical Panamanian dishes. Our desire is to have this type of meeting on a consistent basis, perhaps once every month or two.



Most of the men who met at Nelson's house on December 4.

More Church Planting?

As you already know, we are working in the community of **San Antonio** to help them establish a healthy church. Additionally, in January, we plan to start going to the community of **Chilibre** once a month. There is a group from this community (which is about an hour from us) that has been attending our church for several months. However, they have a desire to start a church in their community. They just want help in getting it established. There is one man, Osualdo, who is ready to pastor the church; he simply needs encouragement and guidance.

Also, this past Sunday, before the service began, we were asked, “When are you going to establish a church plant in the city?” Until we were asked, we had not given much thought to starting a church in **Panamá City**, but who knows? Perhaps it is in the Lord’s plans for us to help plant a church there.

Whatever God has planned, we need to stay faithful and work by the grace that He supplies. It helps us to remember three basic purposes - exalt God, encourage others, evangelize the lost.

Thank you!

As we approach the end of the year we want to do our best to express our gratitude to you. We are humbled and honored both by your prayers for us as a family and for the ministry here and also by your faithful, generous, and sacrificial financial support of this ministry.

We have no doubt that you are partners with us in the gospel! And we thank the Lord for this partnership. We know that we are working together with you for the glory of God and the spread of the gospel. One day each of us will stand before our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and we truly desire to hear from Him, “Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master” (Matthew 25:21 ESV).

Prayer Requests

- Please pray that we will have spiritual, emotional, and physical strength. By God's grace, just like you, "we are fighting the good fight of the faith" (1 Timothy 6:12), but it is still a fight. Please know we are praying the same for you.
- We are very thankful and pleased with the use of the movie theater for our Sunday services. In addition, please pray that, if it is God's will, we will find a space that we, as a church, can use throughout the week for Bible studies, meetings, and various ministry opportunities.
- Please pray that we will look for, and take advantage of, every opportunity we have to share the gospel and make disciples in our area.
- Please pray that we will have wisdom about future church plants. We know that we cannot do everything, but we do want to make the most of each opportunity presented to us.



Merry Christmas

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Happy New Year!