

## THE SUDDETH FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

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### Celebrating Through Baptisms

Life and ministry always has its joys and its challenges. In this update, we want to focus on the joys by sharing some wonderful ways God is working.

Over the past year, we have had the privilege of baptizing 13 new believers, five of whom were baptized within the last couple of months. It is exciting to see lives changed by the gospel. Carlos, one of our new brothers in Christ, speaking about himself and his wife, Ashley, said to us after their baptisms, “You would not believe the difference Christ has made in our lives. Our friends hardly recognize who we are now.” What a great testimony of God’s grace!

Please pray that these believers will be, as Paul wrote in Colossians 1:9-10, “filled with the knowledge of His will in spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

Here are photos of the recent baptisms. We hope that by seeing these brothers and sisters in Christ, you will also be encouraged by what the Lord is doing.



*Carlos and Ashley are a young married couple. They have been attending our church since October 2021; they have recently been saved, baptized, and have become members of our church.*



*Isaac and Anarelis are another young couple in our church. They are newer Christians who, after following the Lord in believer's baptism, also became members of our church.*



### Prayer Requests & Praises

- After finishing a membership class at the end of April, we have had five new people join the church. **We praise the Lord for how He is adding to our local family of faith.**
- As our church grows numerically, **pray that our focus will be on spiritual growth.** We know that God's design is that lives are transformed by the gospel.
- We are in the process of making plans to establish small groups within our local church. **Please pray with us that these groups will be biblical and spiritually healthy.**
- We also desire to help establish a mission agency to partner with local churches in order to send latinos as missionaries. **Please pray that, if it is God's will, Panamá and Latin America may be a strong force in sending missionaries throughout the world.**

**Once again, thank you for praying for us and with us!**

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*Soukaina is a young lady who grew up in a pentecostal church. Although she thought she was saved, she never had assurance of her salvation. She came to have a true understanding of the gospel during the pandemic. She also was recently baptized and became a member of our church.*