

THE SUDDETH FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

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Dear Partners in the Gospel,

The gospel really is powerful! Paul wrote in Colossians 1 that the gospel was bearing fruit and increasing in the whole world. Today, it still continues to bear fruit and increase. As a local church, we have been hearing personal stories of the power of the gospel to change lives.

For the past several Sundays, during the morning worship services, a brother or sister in Christ has taken between 8-10 minutes to share his or her salvation testimony. This part of the service has been incredibly encouraging to the entire church family. Of course, each testimony is different, because each person is different. However, in all the different stories there are two common threads. The first is a clear evidence of God's work to bring people to saving faith. The second is the potency of the Word of God. An application for us is clear ...

God works through His people sharing His Word to bring more people into His Kingdom.

Each Sunday, through the testimonies, the gospel has been clearly presented. Therefore, the testimonies are accomplishing at least three purposes. First, those who are in the service who are not saved are hearing the gospel. Second, other believers are being encouraged to remember God's work in their lives and continually thank Him for their salvation. Third, as a church family, we are all learning how we can use our testimonies to share the gospel with others.

Photos of a few people who have shared their salvation testimony:

Left to Right: Anarelis, Kelly, Emily, and Luis





Positioning for Greater Gospel Impact

Through faith in what the Lord can do, we can see through our minds' eyes a location where vibrant, gospel-centered activity is taking place in Costa Verde. We envision a place that serves the local church, so that believers, through the local church, have an eternal impact in the community, throughout Panamá, and even throughout the world.

The photo above is from the window of our apartment. To the far left in the photo is a corner of a large commercial area. It is called Market Plaza. The photo to the right is also of Market Plaza, showing the main road that leads into Costa Verde. Within Market Plaza are commercial properties that are for sale. It is our desire to buy one of these properties.



The specific property we would like to have is located in the center area of Market Plaza. It is on the second floor and is approximately 1,100 square feet. The current asking price is \$292,837.50, and the property is unfinished. Of course, as God provides the finances, we would seek to negotiate the price. We would like to have \$330,000 in order to buy the property and prepare it for ministry use.

God has wonderfully supplied over \$133,000 through the amazing generosity of several people and churches, with another \$50,000 committed from a local church in Missouri. In other words, we desire to raise an additional \$150,000. In fact, if you feel led to give to this project you can do so by going to:

<https://globalfaithmission.denarionline.com/Projects/Detail/?givingOption=322CEA805B>

Would you please pray with us? Would you pray for God's will to be done? Would you pray that He supplies the finances? Would you pray that we will clearly know His will in this matter?

We are incredibly excited as we think about how the Lord could use a place like this for His glory. At the same time, we are humbly overwhelmed at the enormity of a project of this magnitude. Whatever the Lord sees fit to do, our trust is in Him, knowing that everything passes through His hands and that He is good and wise beyond our understanding.

Some Potential Uses for a Property in Costa Verde

- Prayer meetings
- Small groups
- Bible studies
- Women's meetings
- Men's meetings
- Classes and activities for children
- Classes and activities for youth
- Membership classes
- Biblical counseling
- Fellowship meals
- A library or reading room (for believers and for the public)
- Pastoral training
- Small conferences / workshops
- Office space
- Base for the Latin American Missions Society
- Missionary training

Prayer Requests

- **Praise.** Thank you to those who prayed for the family of the baby who passed away. They are still grieving, but they continue to find their comfort in the Lord.
- For our local church. We are still a young church, and it is extremely important that we build a strong, biblical foundation, so the church can be healthy for years to come.
- For unity and genuine Christian love between the brothers and sisters in Christ who are a part of IBCV.
- For continual trust in the Lord without losing our focus on Him.
- Once again, for God's will to be done concerning the purchase of a property.
- For the work of the Latin American Missions Society (Sociedad Latinoamericana de Misiones).

We haven't had the opportunity to share many updates about the missions society. However, progress continues to be made as God allows us and our incredible teammates to establish this ministry. There are two purposes to the missions society. First, we want to help local churches have a biblical understanding of missions and of the local church's role in fulfilling the Great Commission. Second, we want to come alongside local churches in order to help those churches send brothers and sisters whom God calls as missionaries.

In Christ,

Clip, Mary, and Isaac