

THE SUDDETH FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

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Dear Partners in the Gospel,

We rejoice in God's faithfulness to His people! Over the last several weeks, we have witnessed a growing unity and love among the brothers and sisters at Iglesia Bautista de Costa Verde. Our family and our teammates have discussed what we have experienced as a local church, and we have concluded there are at least three reasons: (1) prayer, (2) Biblical teaching/preaching, and (3) home groups.

We are also seeing a ripple effect, as people of the local church are beginning to care for one another in more intentional ways. For example, prayer groups have formed, medical expenses have been met, and families are inviting others into their homes.

We are also seeing a greater desire to share the gospel with others, which is so encouraging to watch. The people here are beginning to understand that making disciples is a part of the fabric of their lives.

Additionally, a great group of ten people from our sending church (Mile Straight Baptist Church) recently spent a week with us and our teammates Ashley and Emily. They were also able to spend some quality time with people from IBCV. Although there is a language barrier, it is always refreshing to experience our common bond in Jesus through the gospel and the fellowship that we have as His followers. Every person in the group was a great blessing and encouragement to us, and we believe they returned to Tennessee with a renewed passion for making disciples of Jesus among all nations.

As a specific point of prayer, we realize that Satan is not pleased when the local church functions in a biblical way. We know he would like to destroy God's work. We also know God is infinitely great. Therefore, **please pray with us that we, our teammates, and the people of IBCV would grow in our sanctification, in our love for each other, in our commitment to make disciples of Jesus, and that we would do all of these for the glory of God and our joy in Him.**



Here are a few photos from the time with Mile Straight Baptist Church. (It's interesting to see through the eyes of others.)



We are considering sending our ministry and prayer email updates through a new platform called Epistle. We're considering this option because Epistle makes it much easier to get updates out, it's secure, and it sends updates in a clean format designed to be as simple as possible for you to read on any device.

To receive our updates through Epistle, please follow the link below. It should take no more than 30 seconds to subscribe:

<https://the-suddeth-family.epistle.org/subscribe>

Prayer Requests & Praises

- **Praise.** The group from Mile Straight was a great blessing to us.
- **Prayer Request.** On Saturday, August 12, we have the opportunity to present the ministry of the Latin American Mission Society to a group of pastors in our area. Please pray that we can clearly communicate the purposes of the mission society, our desire to help local churches, and that the pastors would be receptive.
- **Prayer Request.** A property that we can use for ministries in our area. We currently have approximately \$240,000 committed, and we praise the Lord for His provision. We continue to pray, search, investigate, and wait on the Lord. We know that He will provide in His way, in His timing, and for His glory.
- **Prayer Request.** The spiritual health and spiritual growth of IBCV and the establishment of other local churches.
- **Prayer Request.** Our spiritual growth, sanctification, and godliness.

We are grateful to each of you who pray for us and for each of you who financially support the ministry in Panamá. **It is truly an honor to partner with you in the gospel.**

In Christ,

Clip, Mary, and Isaac

