

## THE SUDDETH FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

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Dear Partners in the Gospel,

*“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

Jesus shared these words in John 13:35. As a local church, we recently experienced an example that demonstrates the truth of this verse.

A couple of weeks ago, a gentleman, Mario, whom I (Clip) did not know at the time, sent me a message on WhatsApp. He simply wrote:

God bless you. I met part of your congregation two or three Sundays ago as I was waiting to see a movie. I will go to the next Sunday service. I was struck by the diligence and joy of the people as they were leaving the service.

Mario saw something different about a group of believers, and he did come to the service the next Sunday. He later said that everyone was kind and welcomed him, and he plans to come back. **Please pray for Mario.** We do not know his spiritual condition. Also, **please pray for us as a local church. Pray that we will share the only true gospel in a clear way with grace and love.**

We are reminded of two truths. First, at times we do not know who is watching us. What we do, and how we do it, matters. Second, we trust in the power of the gospel. Romans 1:16, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

We should never assume anyone understands the gospel. We should always be ready to share the true gospel, which is exactly what one brother in Christ has recently done ...

A couple of Saturdays ago, another member of our local church, Carlos, shared the gospel with a friend of his and his friend’s girlfriend. Both listened to the gospel, repented of their sins, and believed in Jesus as their Savior. They came to the church service the next morning and seem desirous to grow in their faith. A few days ago, Carlos wrote me and asked me to pray for him and with him. The girlfriend’s mother has noticed a complete difference in their lives, and she wants Carlos to come tell her what Carlos had told them. **Please pray for Carlos as he continues to share the gospel. Also pray for these new believers.**



Some of the people of IBCV after the Sunday service on August 27.

## Epistle Communication Platform

As we communicated with you last month, we are considering sending our ministry and prayer email updates through a platform called Epistle. For those who subscribed, thank you. For those of you who have not yet subscribed, we think Epistle will make 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.

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## Prayer Requests & Praises

- **Praise.** For those who have recently made professions of faith.
- **Prayer Request.** For the spiritual growth of those who have recently made a profession.
- **Praise.** Earlier this month, we were able to share the ministry of the Latin American Missions Society with a group of pastors. The pastors were receptive.
- **Prayer Request.** That the missions society would truly be a help to local churches by providing opportunities that foster a biblical understanding of missions in the local church.
- **Praise.** With the funds that we have, we believe that we can begin to have some conversations with the owners of different store fronts in Market Plaza.
- **Prayer Request.** God's grace and favor as we begin to have conversations about the purchase of a property that we can use for ministries in our area. We know that He will provide in His way, in His timing, and for His glory.

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



*Above.* Two new members of IBCV, Roberto and Brigitte.

*Below.* The congregation recently unanimously approved César to be pastor of mobilization and missions.

