

VIOLA TO PANAMA

August/September 2020 Prayer Letter

Greetings to all in the name of our Lord and Savior,

The first prayer letter is here! I want to start by saying thank you to all those who are praying for me while I am on the road for deputation and to the churches who have partnered with me financially to take the Gospel to the lost souls of Panama. These past two months have been quite busy, despite all of the Covid restrictions that are in place throughout the United States. Throughout the month of August, I visited churches in South Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky. While in the month of September I spent most of my time visiting pastors and churches I know in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, as well as attending the New England BCMN (Baptist Church Ministry Network) meeting. I then wrapped up the month of September with visiting and presenting in two churches in Ohio. In the coming month of October, I will be heading back to Ohio to present my ministry to Panama at the BCMN meeting in Canton. From there, I will make my way down to Florida for a few weeks and then go back to Ohio for the rest of November. While on the road I have had the chance to share the Gospel with a number of people. Due to Covid, a lot of people are thinking about death and what comes next; right now is truly an opportunity to be talking to people about the good news of the Gospel. Please continue to pray for me as I travel and that the Lord will continue to grant bookings with churches who will partner with me in taking the Gospel to Panama.

Panama Update

Panama is still on a tight lockdown. There are no commercial flights flying to Panama, and many businesses are still unable to open. The families of the church plant (planted Stan & Jackie Sherwood) in Boquete are struggling because of the lack of work; however, to the best of it's ability, the church is providing food to those families most in need and is continuing to minister as well. Churches are still not allowed to open or meet, and schools are still closed as well. The construction of the new church building is at a standstill, because building cannot begin until the government gives permission and grants the title of the land and paperwork needed to make La Gracia an official church in Panama. Please be praying that the restrictions will be loosened and that the government offices will open, so that the construction of the new building can begin, and for the people to draw nearer unto the Lord and depend upon His strength!

With blessings,

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