

# VIOLA TO PANAMA

## *July - August 2023 Prayer Letter*

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

We first want to thank all of you for your continued steadfast prayers and support.

### ♦ July Update

Here in Panama, July holds one of the biggest national holidays called the Day of the Kids (Dia de Los Ninos). In recognition of this holiday, on the following Sunday, we held special events at the church for the kids, and we had over 250 people in attendance. Praise be to the Lord! We also were able to help host a team from Gulfport, Mississippi who were there to help us with that day as well. On the following week one of the teenagers from our class named David accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. Glory be to God! At the end of the month David along with six others followed the Lord in believer's baptism. Please be praying for David as he begins his walk as a new believer.

### ♦ August Update

During August, Maria and I were able to meet two ladies who live in Boquete, Mrs. Anita and Mrs. Natalie who work together in a local business here. They asked why we were here and that lead into an opportunity for us to share the Gospel. After talking with them, Mrs. Anita professed to be a believer but has not been to church in over 3 years. As for Mrs. Natalie, unfortunately she did not show any interest in what we had shared. Please be in prayer for them both, that the Lord will work in their hearts. On another note, as the competition among the teenagers approaches its close at the end of September, we have had so far about 20 new first-time visitors to the class. Amen! Also, we have worked on many plans for the youth that we started implementing this month. We have chosen six of the boys (Joseph, Magdiel, Diego, Adriel, Joel, and Levi) who stand out as possible future leaders and have started working with them in teaching them how to give a short devotion in the Sunday School hour among their peers. The first of young man, Joseph, did a wonderful job teaching on what is God's purpose for our lives.

### ♦ Church Update

We have received great and Wondrous News! In August, we were finally able to have the inspection and pass with flying colors for the occupancy permit. Not only that, but we also passed both the municipality's inspection and health inspection as well, so this means that the church officially has all the paperwork needed to be open and in operation. Praise be unto our Heavenly Father! Thank you all for all of your prayers in regards to this matter.



With blessings,  
Zach & Maria Viola  
Missionaries to Panama

### Prayer Requests

1. Please pray for the lost souls of Panama and the church plant in Boquete.
2. Continue to pray that Maria's citizenship process for the USA will go smoothly with no issues.
3. Pray for the Panama Missionary Visa process, that there will be no problems and that we will receive the visa and our conditional residency quickly.
4. Please pray for Maria's family in regards to her grandfather, who may only have a few months left to live due to cancer.

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