

VIOLA TO PANAMA

November - December 2022 Prayer Letter

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,

We pray that everyone had a wonderful and joyful Christmas and a jubilant New Year's Day.

We firstly want to say thank you to all of the churches who have decided to partner with us in the last two months and to those who continue to partner with us. Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and financial support.

Good News 1: We are officially finished with deputation! During November we were able to present the ministry in churches in Wisconsin, Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. In the last month of our deputation, December, we were able to present in churches in Oregon and Pennsylvania.

Good News 2: After a year and much prayer for Maria's Green Card, the Lord has answered and provided! We are in amazement, because we were still expecting to receive notices for the medical exam appointment and a notice for the interview appointment with the embassy, which are requirements for the Green Card. However, our God is so good and so awesome that He completely bypassed these requirements. In December we received an email from the US government that the Green Card has been processed and sent. We are joyous to say that Maria now has her Green Card in hand and we can now go to Panama!!!

Next Steps: We are planning to take a preparation trip down to Panama at the end of December and be in Panama for January. During this trip we will be opening bank accounts, ordering the truck, getting furniture purchased/ordered, and many other things that we need to prepare before our official arrival. We will then be flying back to the US at the start of February and begin to pack everything here in the States and then send it down. We are planning and praying that we will be officially departing for Panama at the end of March/start of April.



With blessings,
Zach & Maria Viola
Missionaries to Panama

Panama Update

The construction of the new church building is basically complete, with only some minor details that still need to be wrapped up. Stan and Jackie are currently waiting on documentation from the electrician and the document of certification for the gas pipelines. Once they have these documents, they can then request for the inspection that needs to be done in order to receive the occupancy permit and officially open the church building for services. They are praying and hoping this inspection will take place within the next two weeks.

Despite not being officially allowed to hold services in the new building, they have been holding services on Sunday morning for those who can make it. Even though no church buses are being sent out, a total of 80 people showed up to the Christmas service, including new visitors. Many of the families walked to church for the service. Praise be to God for their dedication.

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for our safety as we travel to and from Panama for January for our preparation trip.
2. Pray that the needed documents will be received and that the occupancy permit be granted.
3. Pray for the lost souls of Panama and the church plant of the Sherwood's in Boquete.
4. Pray that the ordering of the truck will go smoothly with no issues.

Wheels To Go!

The Lord has provided!!! We officially have the full \$30,000 for the needed truck. Thank you to Harbor Baptist Church (FL) for providing additional funds this past month, for the truck.



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