



the **ETHAN SHIELDS** family

Third generation missionaries assisting the indigenous church planting effort in Panama

At the beginning of March, our coworkers hosted a medical clinic outreach at the church in Sabana Grande. The group attended around 1000 patients, handed out clothing donated from a local store, and best of all, saw **FIVE people receive Christ as Savior!**

Soon after, our family hosted a missions trip for the youth group of Washington Township Baptist Church (Pastor Chris Riggs) from Ohio. They built benches for four churches (San Félix, Santa Cruz, Tebujo, & Sabana Grande), preached and taught in most of those places plus Tugrí, and also helped prepare materials for distribution at a teaching seminar. They were a huge blessing to the ministry here and it was super encouraging to spend time with friends. **THANK YOU** for coming!



The teaching seminar was held in Guayabal for churches located deep within the mountains. **Representatives from five churches received instruction and materials for teaching SS and VBS.** An Ecuadorian missionary donated a truck load of tracts and other materials that I was able to give to the teachers who attended as well. Kids showed up to see what was happening at the church and were given the gospel. **TEN children got saved!**



The church in Río Fonseca held their own VBS after attending the first teaching seminar a few months ago. Then the pastor was invited into his local public school to teach special classes during Holy Week. Our coworker, Nahum, did the same in the community of Lajas Adentro. He also recently held special outreach activities in Quebrada de Loro, Nancito, and Chorcha with a visiting group from Costa Rica.



Two churches have diligently saved up in order to improve their own buildings. Thanks to your donations, we helped them buy and transport some more materials and

feed their workers. Nancito built a wall behind their pulpit and is saving again to build a bathroom. Trincherá built a new church roof to replace their old one damaged by high winds and we replaced components of their solar system to provide electricity for their services.



Many churches are named in this prayer letter and these are only around half the churches our team works with. **Your missions giving has a SIGNIFICANT IMPACT here in Panama!**