



the ETHAN SHIELDS family

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Third generation missionaries assisting the indigenous church planting effort in Panama

We want to start by giving updates on the requests we mentioned last time. Thank you for praying! Ethan's hand surgery went well. He has no pain and a much improved range of movement. **Major praise- Ethan's hives are gone!** He has been hive-free for around three weeks now and we are SO thankful. Also, Ethan had some exams and a biopsy done and we are grateful to the Lord that there is **no cancer or evidence of any other disease!**

A meeting with the aviation officials regarding the runway certification took place and our lawyer turned in all the necessary documents. We just heard back from them a few days ago and they are asking for more. Simply hearing back from the aviation officials was a good thing, so now we will get the other information together to give to them as soon as possible.

The pastor's meeting was uneventful as most of the pastors didn't show up. The few that did are resolved to stand for sound doctrine. Please pray for the other pastors to follow God and not man.

NINE people were baptized at New Hope- including our daughter Sofia! Several unsaved family members came to see their loved ones baptized and a few have begun attending on a regular basis. One such lady is Maribel, the stepmother of two of the teens that were baptized. Pray for Maribel to receive Christ as her Savior.

Ethan also recently baptized our friend Marco. It was a special time to celebrate and spend time together before Marco and his family moved out of the country. Please continue to pray for his wife (Mari) and children (Marco Jr. and Alessia) to be saved too.

Our team has been busy lately with multiple events at New Hope celebrating communion, baptisms, and several holidays. **Praise the Lord for SEVEN people making professions of faith!** Pray for Rosibeth, Maria, Cristian, Adriana, Luzdeysi, Cristal, and Yafeth as they begin their walk with Christ. Pray especially for Cristal, Yafeth, and their younger siblings who recently became orphans after their mother died.

