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# the ETHAN SHIELDS family

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Third generation missionaries assisting the indigenous church planting effort in Panama

The conference in Guayabal we had asked prayer for was canceled due to the pastor's wife having surgery and heavy rains washing away most of the road. It will be rescheduled for a later date. Ethan was able though to take a trip to a new village to help a pastor with his church plant. He will also be accompanying that pastor later this month to preach at a pastor's conference.

Our coworkers hosted a medical missions trip with an optometrist who performed eye exams in three villages. There is a church in each of these villages so we pray fruit will come from this. Our coworkers have also been helping with another church plant in a new village. They handed out BEAMS Bibles to several people there. Thank you to all who make it possible for us to provide Bibles to these believers.



Over the last few months, Ethan has specifically focused in on helping Pastor Alcibiades and his church in Rio Fonseca. He has been counseling him regularly on church matters, helping him to counsel others through their situations, and preaching to reinforce what is already being taught. Ethan has also been counseling with our friend Emilio about his salvation and doubts. We pray for him to get it settled and get back into church with his family.

## Praises:

\*We recently celebrated the 8th anniversary of our main church in San Félix. It was a wonderful day with around 140 in attendance- the largest crowd ever since Covid.



\*TEN people from four churches have put their faith in Christ!

\*Pastor Ramon baptized EIGHT new believers from three churches and one new church plant.

## Prayer requests:

\*Camp Joy in Costa Rica, July 4-9. Ethan is one of the preachers and it will be Elena and Noah's first time going to camp. **Pray** for God to move in a mighty way!

\*Ethan has been battling with chronic hives for four months now. He has seen three specialists, tried different elimination diets, and had lots of testing done. We still have no definite answers so he has started looking into alternative therapies. Please **pray** for relief and clear answers.

\***Pray** for the two new church plants: Laguna Abajo (Pastor Rogelio) and Cerro Balsa (Pastor Ramon).