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# the **ETHAN SHIELDS** family

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Third generation missionaries assisting the indigenous church planting effort in Panama



Ethan has had the privilege of working in seven different churches in the comarca over the last month; preaching services, teaching a mens conference, counseling pastors, and more. A “Jesus film kit” donated by a church in Florida has already been used to show the Jesus film in the villages of Quebrada Cianca and Rio Fonseca. As a result, **Ethan led Jesica to the Lord and she was baptized the next day. A total of FOUR people were baptized that day in Rio Fonseca.** It was especially great to see Pastor Alcibiades baptize for the first time. Soon after, Ethan and our coworker Nahum preached in Sabana Grande where Ethan then baptized **SEVEN** people. Just two days later, **Pastor Taylor baptized SIX people in the village of Nancito.**

At the church in San Félix, **NINE people have received the gift of eternal life** after counseling with Pastor Taylor’s wife.



Trinchera is the furthest church our team works in. Due to the hazardous trail conditions, we only are able to hike there certain times of the year. Three of our coworkers recently went and hiked all day in order to preach a three day conference. People from an even further village, Tibrá, attended as well and took home discipleship courses and study materials. **48 Bibles from the BEAMS ministry were handed out and 21 people accepted Christ as Savior!** Ethan had planned to go and had even packed, but two church discipline situations came up and he had to stay behind to help with those. Thankfully one situation has been handled, but the other situation is still ongoing.

## Prayer requests:

- \*Pray with us for repentance and restoration for those involved in the church discipline issue.
- \*Pray for an upcoming conference in the village of Guayabal (June 16-19). It will be four days of preaching and teaching as well as handing out Bibles.
- \*Pray about our paperwork and legal permits for the ministry land and our house. The government requirements change every time we enter the offices and they even lost our paperwork at one point. It’s discouraging and frustrating. Pray for these issues to be resolved so we can continue forward with construction.