



# the **ETHAN SHIELDS** family

March 2023

Third generation missionaries assisting the indigenous church planting effort in Panama

2023 has been a blessed and busy year already. Between three of the churches, **a total of THIRTY people have made professions of faith!** These new believers were led to Christ not only by our team of missionaries, but also by a Bible Institute student and a pastor's daughters. It has been exciting to see maturity and fruit from years of investment.

Our family went to Camp Joy in Costa Rica in January for summer camp. Ethan preached, Beth helped, and the kids enjoyed every minute. Elena and Noah were both leaders during the two weeks and Sofia and Julia were first time campers. **TWO teens got saved at youth camp plus TEN more children at kids camp!**

THANK YOU to our two newest additions to our support team- Iglesia Bautista La Puerta Abierta in Weslaco, TX (Pastor Aguiar) and Hope's Point Baptist Church in Weston, WV (Pastor Vaughn).



## Prayer Requests:

🙏 Our family has started to build our house! We built a fence, got water connected, and are currently working on getting the blueprints finished and approved. We need to do the foundation and septic work before the rainy season starts in April/May. Please **pray** for the government red tape to be minimal and for God to stretch the money we have.

🙏 The church in San Félix is bursting at the seams. It's a good problem to have, yet it still is a problem. We don't have enough space at the church and our personal vehicles are maxed out with people. Members can't really invite their friends and neighbors who don't have vehicles because there is no room for us to bring them to church. We have brought 25 people to church in our truck and van! **Pray** for continued maturity of the believers, a church bus for the present, and future plans for a potential church plant.

🙏 We finally have a date for the runway inspection for the aviation ministry- **March 28-29!** This inspection isn't the final step, but it is the most important. Please **pray!**

🙏 **Pray** also for the multiple missions trips we will host this year. Groups are coming from Mexico, Costa Rica, and the USA (TX, OK, & NC). There are plans for special conferences, VBS, church construction projects, and public school outreach. None of this would be possible without generous givers, willing workers, and praying people partnering together. THANK YOU for the part you play!

