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the ETHAN SHIELDS family

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Third generation missionaries assisting the indigenous church planting effort in Panama

BEST NEWS FIRST! Our youngest child, Julia, got saved two weeks ago! Beth, myself, and her siblings had all talked to her about salvation many times, but finally she stopped resisting and I had the privilege to lead her to the Lord. Once she was done praying, she said "I'm free! I don't have to worry anymore!" What a joy to know all our children are heaven-bound!



The February events we asked you to pray about produced much fruit. The evangelistic campaign resulted in many visitors and **TWO people getting saved**. The following Sunday, **two boys made professions of faith in Sunday School**. Our coworkers reported that the family conference was a fantastic success with multiple churches in attendance and **THIRTY people accepting Christ as their Savior!**



The vehicle crossing is DONE! The permits came in later than expected, but the team of men from Michigan was super flexible. They were able to get the project over halfway done before heading home. I got a contractor from church to help me finish the rest and we are all super excited at how it turned out. We simply need to smooth the road out and put down gravel. Now the aviation ministry property is connected to the main road, and machinery and materials can get to the future hangar site.

The tractor and its implements have been an enormous blessing! I use it for projects, mowing, land clean up, moving materials, grading roads, and much more. It truly has made work faster, easier, and best of all, way less painful for my back (which is feeling much better!). I knew the tractor was a necessary tool, but I had no idea that I would be able to use it almost everyday.



***MISSIONS TRIP: MARCH 15-25** A group from Ohio will be ministering through preaching, teaching, and doing small construction projects in Llano Tugr , Santa Cruz, Sabana Grande, & San F lix.

***PUBLIC SCHOOL OUTREACH: MARCH 25-26** Church members, our coworkers, and local pastors will be giving gospel presentations for Holy Week in Lajas Adentro & Rio Fonseca.

***TEACHER TRAINING: MARCH 27-29** Another Sunday School and VBS training course is scheduled for our furthest churches that are located deep in the mountains in Guayabal.