



The Jones Family

Jeff, Johanna, Daryelys, Jatriel & Jeffrey



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Hello! From the Jones Family here in Panama for Christmas. We pray that each of you have a joyful and Merry Christmas, and a blessed New Year. We are so thankful that Jeffrey and I were able to return to Panama on November 11th. We now have the family together for Christmas. Christmas here in Panama is a little different from what I grew up with in North Carolina. Only real difference is the temperature and the food. You see, we are coming into Summer so it is not the cool weather that we would be use to in December. No snow expected here for Christmas. With the increase of Covid-19 cases here in Panama the government has place new restrictions in the last few days. The week of Christmas, Monday and Wednesday only women can go out of their homes, men can go out Tuesday and Thursday. On Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. starts a Nation wide curfew no one can go out until Monday 5:00 a.m. The same is schedule for the following week. We were able to give out food baskets to 14 families and bags of candy and gifts to the children. It was a blessing to see them face to face, many asking when we would be going back to church. But what is the same and never changes is that we celebrate our Saviors birth. I want to just encourage us during these days to cheish the time we have with family. Remind the little ones and each other that our Hope for now and eternity was born that we may be free from our sins. With all the social distancing and everything in place I only so wish I could just be close and give you all a big hug.

To bring you up to date since our September newsletter. I had a few medical test and got a few new medications which I could not believe the cost of them in the USA. I am at the moment thanking the Lord that I am able to get most of them here in Panama at about one fourth the price. Thank you for all your prayers my health is much better. I have taken off some weight which has also helped.

As I shared with you in our last Newsletter that we have not been able to have services in the church since March 15, 2020. We have used different forms of services from a Youtube channel and Zoom. We continue to use the Zoom method as I feel it is the most personal that we can have at the moment to al least be together live online. I am so thankful for one of our young men in our church, Miguel who has been helping with the Zoom has also paid the \$15 monthly in that we are not limited by the time limit. We are able to have a men's class or meeting on Friday nights, as well Sister Johanna has a time with the ladies on a different channel We have our Sunday a.m., p.m. and Wednesday services on Zoom. Brother Miguel and others have a Sunday school class for the children and Sister Johanna and other ladies for the teen girls on Sunday afternoon. We are thankful to be able to stay connected.

We got an answer from Immigration. During our time in the USA, because of Covid shutdown we were force to overstay the 6 months allowed on Johanna and the children's visa. We applied for the extension and pay all required fees. Even sending some information that was requested overnight to immigration. Only a week before Jeffrey and I return to Panama we got the letters and documents of approval covering the time spent in the USA. Praise the Lord!

During this time we have not been using the church space, but continue to pay a partial agree portion of the rent. With new restrictions being placed we are praying weather to continue to rent the space. We have had for some time a desire to purchase land for a future Church building . We believe we would need at least \$30,000 to \$50,000. to purchase land. We as a church here and some have given over the last few years to this fund and as of now have \$10,834. If God places on your heart to you can be a part of this project you can sent to Faith Church to the Jones Account noting Building Fund.

We are trying a new website you can visit at: <https://www.panamajeff.com/>

If you or your church would like to help support the work on Panama, your support can be sent to Faith Church or give online at www.faithfwb.com/give.html by designating to the Jones' Account. We thank each of you for your prayers and financial support. That makes it possible for us to serve the Lord here in Panama.

Prayer Requests:

1. Land Fund
2. Online Services
3. Return to normal services
4. Work for many who have lost jobs
5. Faithfulness of people

Thank You So Much For Your Faithful Support!

Please send Contributions to:

Jeff Jones Mission Account

Faith FWB Church
1200 W. Grantham
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100% of your gift will go directly to our account.

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