

September 2009



Soul Seekers News

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Special points of interest:

- 5 area churches visited
- ETBE—GA's Camp
- August 2009 Panama Trip—Team:
 - Max Perez
 - Maxi Perez
 - Kathy Perez
 - Pastor Lazaro
 - Pastor Roosevelt
 - Ines Roosevelt
 - Pastor Mahoney
 - Rosa Mahoney
 - Emigdio Fernandez
 - Hortenciano Martinez
- Upcoming September Panama Trip
- Clara, Christy, Lindy moving to Panama
- Goals

Changes and Challenges

Over the past few months many challenges have faced our Soul Seekers team here in the U.S. and in Panama. We were faced with making the decision of taking our team out of the Diwarsikua village. Pastor Mahoney, Rosa and Emigdio had spent three months living in the village and endured immense spiritual warfare. The difficulties reminded us all of the challenges that Paul faced with his new churches. We looked to that example as encouragement to continue pressing forward with our desire to help the believers in Diwarsikua.

We felt it was necessary for Max to travel to Panama to work out some details for the upcoming trip in September. He traveled down on August 4th, with our Panama team to Diwarsikua.

The one event that stood out was the dedication of four babies born to the believers in the Diwarsikua mission. Some of you may recall the story of the four month old baby that died on our first trip into the village and Dilcibeth the mother of that child. Amazingly God has given her another baby boy. Joyfully our team was able to be there to pray over her new son as well as three other newborns.

We have several things planned for the future of our ministry in

in the village. God's word tells us that the field is ripe for the harvest. Pray that our team will be faith-



First Newborn Dedication

Panama. Max will be traveling down to Panama again on September 3rd with Tony from the Holy Water Group to put in a "Sand Bio Water Filter" in Diwarsikua. They will stay three days there and show the "Jesus" film in the Kuna language. Then they will go to the Kapanti village. This is where we have been praying our next mission effort will be started. They have no church, or strong Christian presence in this village. They will dig a well there with the materials we had bought from our March mission trip. We will also show the "Jesus" film. Please pray that God's truth will penetrate the hearts of all of the Kuna's

ful servants in going to reap the harvest God has provided. We, as always, are grateful to all of you who are faithful supporters and prayer partners for this ministry.

God Bless!!



Dilcibeth and her new baby boy

August 2009 Panama Trip—God's Grace by Max Perez

1 Corinthians 3:6...God gave the increase.

I experienced God's protection on my last trip in August. Each trip I know He is there, however we encountered some major challenges on this trip. We traveled through major storms both coming and going into the village. The canoe became stuck on rocks in the middle of a strong current. We had to push carefully so the current would not take us. Later, after we were in the lake, the motor was not functioning properly so that would have made our traveling time carry on into the night. However, through the grace of God we were in an area that had cell phone service and we were able to call someone to bring another motor. How awesome

God is! The team consisted of Pastor Roosevelt and his wife Ines, my brother Maxi and his wife Kathy, Emigdio (children's minister), Mahony and Rosa. It was amazing to see the growth of this new church. The day we arrived, I felt excited however I also sensed fear from the new believers. I was not sure why but now I have realized that God has been working in their lives. During the 3 days we stayed, the community was preparing a traditional drinking celebration. There is a great deal of pressure to be involved in these traditions. As the new believers grow, they are realizing that they need to choose from right and wrong. That is exciting and challenging for them. While I was there I also learned that the chiefs

do not force anyone to participate in these traditions. However, they still need prayer, to be strong enough to resist the temptations. During one of the Bible study times we had with the new believers, we studied Genesis "the creation". We shared God's creation of the heavens and the earth. A chief who was present commented on the Kunas way of believing in the worlds creation. We did not try to debate with him, but let the word speak to him. Now he needs to choose what to believe. That is our prayer every time we share about the Bible, that we do not try to convince them but let His word (seed) grow. Our job is to share the Word. I can see in their eyes that God is working in their lives.

Prayer Requests

- September 2009 Trip
- December 2009 Trip
- Christy, Clara, Lindy moving to Panama in October
- SSM Mission house in Panama
- Sickness in the village
- Diwarsikua New Believers—to have strength and burden to share their faith
- Kapanti—new village for ministry
- Financing for Soul Seekers Ministry
- Generator
- Projector, to show Jesus Film
- Medical mission team



Our Panama team asked for prayer specifically for these believers in Diwarsikua



If you are interested in helping support Christy, Clara and Lindy in the mission efforts in Panama, you can send your donations to:

Soul Seekers Ministry
1129 Pullman Dr
Saginaw, TX 76131

If the donation is specifically for this effort, please make a note.



GA's Camp at ETBE — By Clara Clark

I would like to thank the leaders at East Texas Baptist Encampment for inviting us to speak about missions to 19 Churches at the GA's camp. Linda Cloud McClelland and I had the privilege of speaking to over 200 girls for two days about our mission work in Panama. Linda presented the plan of salvation and told of her experiences as a missionary. I told them about the Kuna culture, about my experiences on mission trips and the needs of the Kuna Indians. I have spoken to several Churches before about SSM and what God is doing in Panama with the Kuna Indians. But speaking

to these girls was such a blessing. I could see the expression of compassion on their faces as I told them how the Kuna children live. After each session we gave the girls an opportunity to ask questions. We had several girls ask how to become a missionary. I explained to them when you become a believer in Christ Jesus you are a missionary. You are to be a missionary in your home, family, school and neighborhood and how God also calls people to be missionaries to other countries. Our last day was very special to me. We gave each church the opportunity to make a prayer poster to

take back to their church to remember to pray for the Kuna Indians. One of the girls asked if she could put my name on their poster and asked if there was a special need I had that she could pray for. This girl blessed me so much. I pray for people all the time, but it is a surprise when someone asks "can I pray for you". The theme of this girls camp was "Finding My Place". I know there were girls who found their place that week. After one session a girl asked Linda how to ask Jesus in her heart. Praise God. It was such a privilege to speak to the future missionaries of our faith!!

God's Calling Taking Flight! — by Christy Rader

Over the years it seemed like this moment was an impossibility. Although I knew in my spirit that God had called me to minister in Panama, I never really grasped the reality of actually moving to a foreign country. Over the past year as moving day became closer and closer, I realized that God's calling in my life was taking flight. Whenever I discuss my plans with someone inevitably I am asked how I know this is what I am sup-

posed to be doing, or why are you doing this? My answer.... Because God said so! God placed a desire in my heart to minister to the Kuna Indians and through His unending grace he has moved mountains in my life to bring me to the point of actually being able to do just that. I will never comprehend why He asked me to do this, why He would want a girly girl who does not like to be without her makeup or air conditioning to travel into

the deepest jungles of Panama. But the amazing thing is, I do not have to understand it!! I have no idea what lies ahead, what adventures the Lord has in store, or what challenges I may face. What I do know is the God that called me, is going with me. As long as He is by my side I go into this new chapter of my life with the confidence that, *'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'* II Cor. 12:9

Goals for Move to Panama

- Involve Panama churches in the mission work in the villages
- Train mission teams/ missionaries
- Spiritual gift/ ministry training
- Counseling - women's support groups
- Drama/Puppets/worship events/workshops/training
- Outreach with the schools
- Growing/supporting the missions in the city
- Creating/Promoting ministry ideas for the missions
- Being a support for the ministry team in Panama
- Blog - website to share the work that all ministries are doing in Panama.
- Learn Spanish
- Set up a mission house for mission teams and missionary training.

What is Next!

Your church can be a part of our next trip. Below is the information for the plans we are making. If you or your church are interested in joining us on any of these trips please contact us.

December, 2009:

Panamanian and American Team (Cost \$1000 plus airfare per person)

Deadline: September 30th - for tickets

Deadline: October 15th - for balance

Panama City

Leadership Training and Evangelism

Soul Seekers Ministry (SSM) is a 501c3 non-profit missions organization, contribution are tax deductible as allowed by the IRS.

Our vision:

'To disciple the nations in their own culture by teaching, preaching and healing'.

Our desire:

is to connect American churches with existing churches in Panama. We would like to train, equip and send the people of Panama to reach their own country for Christ.

Members of SSM are Max and Verna Perez, Christy Rader, and Clara Clark.

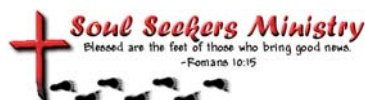
Please contact us if you would like us to come and speak at your church about the continued plans we have for the work in Panama.

Contact Clara Clark 817-847-5536 or Christy Rader 409-746-2802

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How you can help!

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There are three things that you can do to help us continue the work in Panama. We would like to ask each of you to prayerfully consider committing to one or all of the following: Give, Pray or Go!

Name and Address: _____

Give: I would like to give:

- \$ ____ monthly to help SSM with their work in Panama.
- \$ ____ a one time gift to help SSM with their work in Panama.

Pray: I would like to become a prayer partner for SSM.

Go: I would like to go on a mission trip with SSM to Panama.