



HUBBARD HAPPENINGS

CALENDAR

Missions Leadership Seminar
Cost Rica Sept 24-27

Missions Growth Seminar
Brazil Oct 16-26

Christmas Holiday with our
children in Panama

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Calobre Church

A few years ago, Mariquel's sister, Bella, moved to Calobre to plant a church. It started in her home and slowly grew.

With the joint effort of the people of Calobre, the Indiana South District and friends from Arizona, a church building was constructed.

Today a small congregation meets every Sunday in a structure that they call their own.



Calobre Wesleyan Church



Nancy teaching ESL

LIFE IN PANAMA

We have been in Panama for four months. So much has happened...so many experiences...

We arrived in Panama on April 28, after a 16-hour bus ride from Costa Rica. Pastor Jose and Mariquel McKella welcomed us into their home. We appreciate so much their help and patience as we adjust to another country and culture.... and language! Even though Costa Rica and Panama are neighbors, there are distinct differences in their pronunciations and uses of Spanish. Not to mention that they speak very fast, forgetting to put the endings on their words! For us rookies, that continues to be our biggest challenge! To understand...and then respond appropriately.

After a month in the McKella household, we moved to a lovely



227 Calle Salisbury, Colinas del Golf

home in the community of Colinas del Golf. We are within a mile of grocery stores, a mall, and the church. Our neighborhood is friendly and quiet. We are building relationships with the neighbors.

Thank you to so many who have helped us with our start-up fund. We are very comfortable in our home, with all of the

necessary appliances and furniture. At this point, we do not have enough funds to buy a car. We do a lot of walking, and occasionally take a bus or taxi. As our ministry grows, it would be extremely helpful to have a vehicle. If you would care to help with this, our start-up fund # is WM06-1215.

ESL COURSE

English as a Second Language

Everybody in Panama wants to learn English. Nancy was encouraged to consider teaching ESL as a ministry. At the start,

the response was so great that she was turning people away! Nancy feels like she is able to sympathize with the students, because of our recent experience in the Spanish classroom. Nobody should be embar-

rassed by their English....because she's had so many 'goofs' in Spanish!

Every week 20 persons, ages 9-75 meet to learn conversational English. Others are asking when the next classes begin!

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Visitors

Rev. Ned, Marlene and Jordan McGrady – pastors to missionaries – made an official visit to Panama. They are currently studying Spanish in Costa Rica. It was a pleasure to visit with them, introduce them to our Panamanian brothers and sisters, and... por supuesto (of course) visit the Panama Canal!



The McGrady's, Hubbards, and Pastor Jose.

Leadership Seminars

Perry is conducting two seminars weekly on leadership development (in Spanish). One is at the Tocumen Church in a Kuna community. The other is at the Casa de Gracia (House of Grace) church.



Pastor Heitor & leadership seminar in Tocumen

He continues to write leadership/missions materials; first in English and then in Spanish. Both versions are then edited by outside sources. Two missions seminars are scheduled for this year – in Costa Rica and Brazil – with several others already booked for 2009.

There continues to be a need for a Training Center for Missions in Latin America. Plans are underway. We'll keep you posted.

PRAYER CORNER

Praise for:

- Praise God for our friends, Pastor Jose and Mariquel. Pray for wisdom as they pastor the Casa de Gracia Church and give leadership to the other churches.
- Praise God for our lovely home. Pray for opportunities to meet and build relationships with our neighbors.
- Praise God for our Spanish tutor. She

- works with us two hours every week. Pray for regular opportunities to have Spanish conversations.

Pray for:

- Pray for our resident visas. We continue to wait for the paperwork that will allow us to get these. It is a complicated process that has been delayed for various reasons.

- Pray for the paperwork for the church's registration. Pray that there will be no more delays.
- Pray for Perry's seminars that he will be clear in his presentations.
- Pray for Nancy's ESL classes that they will be beneficial, and open doors for outreach to the community.