

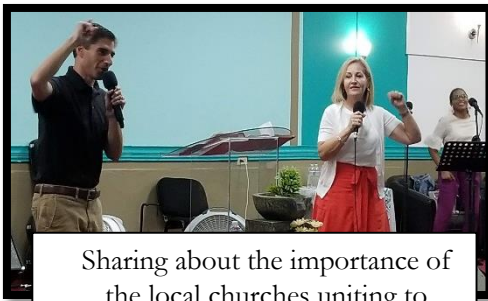


Leaders training in David, Panama

"But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me." 1 Corinthians 16:8-9

"You have presented such a grand vision to us. We don't want you to leave. We want you to stay more days with us. It has been such a blessing!" Pastor Bolivar, Rio Claro, Costa Rica

In a very real way I feel as though I had the opportunity to experience what Paul must have felt in Ephesus when a wide door of effective work had opened for the Gospel. We too faced opposition prior to the trip as well as during it in the form of health difficulties on the team, communication difficulties and financial obstacles. At the same time we saw God moving on the hearts of people and orchestrating His work in such an amazing way that you would consider changing the whole direction of your life in order to partner with Him in the work that He is doing there!



Sharing about the importance of the local churches uniting to reach their nation

We had the privilege of traveling to four cities across Panama and Costa Rica. In each location God graciously moved on the hearts of the men, women and youth who had gathered to be trained in reaching their cities with the good news of Jesus Christ.



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God began to unfold a strategy to us where we prayerfully asked Him to identify "men and women of peace" in each location. Then He showed us that as we continue to meet with a small group of core leaders in each city and mentor them in a lifestyle of seeking Him, that He will use them in order to disciple others. Ultimately we believe this multiplying discipleship is the most effective means of seeing dramatic Gospel change in any location.



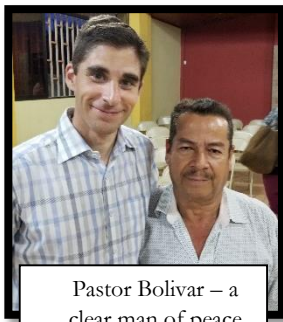
Pastor Jorge & his wife are now part of the ongoing follow-up team in Panama



Pastors in Costa Rica repent over past disunity and pray for each other



Citywide prayer gathering for the region of Ciudad Neily, Costa Rica



Pastor Bolivar – a clear man of peace in Costa Rica

Our prayer request before leaving for the trip was that God would identify “people of peace” (Luke 10:6) to us and it was simply amazing to watch Him do this. We would enter into a new city not knowing anyone and by the time we would leave (sometimes in less than 24 hours) He would have clearly identified between 2 to 5 people who were the key “people of peace” that we were to continue to work with in that area. By the end of our journey we had 132 people who had signed up to be mentored in city transformation and/or to participate in the 40 Days of Love in 2020.



Connecting with pastors in Panama

Here are a few of the testimonies that we received:



“Thank you for coming here and thank you for what you shared with us. God has used you to give me hope again!” Pastor Wilberth, Rio Claro, Costa Rica



“I really appreciate what you shared about the need for unity in the church. Especially when you shared about how we should just move forward with those who have a heart for building God's Kingdom. Your coming here is really a blessing and I want to be a part of the follow up group.”
Pastor Christian, Ciudad Neily, Costa Rica



Now we have the opportunity to steward something much bigger than ourselves. We recently purchased access to a video conferencing system that will allow us to host group video calls with as many as a hundred participants from across Latin America. We have also used the technology on phones in order to create a real-time community group made up of the key leaders that we were able to connect with. We are seeking to send all 132 people copies of the Spirit Empowered Life book, hosting a real-time conversation in the community group and setting up regular video calls to be able to interact face-to-face.



Screenshot of our first video conference call for Latin America

We launched our first video call with leaders from across Panama and Costa Rica earlier this week. We wanted to seek to maintain the momentum that was begun during our time there. It was an interesting experience using Google Translate and some of the bilingual Spanish speaking team that God is raising up in order to get this call in place. By the grace of God, at the time of the call we had 10 leaders join us from Mexico, Panama and Costa Rica. Our heart is to continue to disciple them and through them to reach out to the 132, and through them to eventually see entire cities impacted with the Gospel across the 600+ million souls that call Latin America home.

I can say that I am as hopeful as at any time I can remember. It is abundantly clear that this is not a work that our ministry has decided to do. It is clear that this is a work that God Himself is desiring to do. To call His church to greater purity and intimacy with Himself. To call the leaders of His church to unite together and put aside any selfish agendas they may have had from the past, in order to work together for a greater purpose that only can be accomplished as they are united. And to lay hold of the faith that God has in His heart to believe the Gospel to bring real change to nations.



SPECIAL REQUEST:

Would you pray about partnering with us financially at a new level in 2020?

As we come to the end of the year and look forward to 2020, it is abundantly clear that we are in need of raising greater financial support in order to follow up properly with what God is opening up. For instance, just on this recent trip, there were probably four or five times when the cost of the trip increased along the way as we included more cities and sought to pay for those who were coordinating our efforts in these nations. We also now have requests from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Columbia, Venezuela and Uganda to possibly bring the leaders training and evangelism campaign to them.

Therefore we have set a conservative goal of seeking to raise an additional \$5,000 a month in monthly partnerships. It is clear that we need more finances to carry out the larger work that God is entrusting to us. **This is a request not merely for a large one-time end of the year donation though that would be a blessing too. We are also asking if you would pray about increasing your on-going monthly partnership by \$25, \$50 or more as the Lord leads you.** *(Or come on our monthly partnership team for the first time if you have not done so already.)* **We have included a donation slip that will allow you to respond to this request as God's Spirit leads you.**

We would also ask that if you know of others who may be willing to hear about the work that we are doing that you **get in touch with us before the end of the year** by sending an email to (chris.vennetti@dninternational.org or by calling us at 407-489-2729). Over the next several months, I (Chris) will be making time to travel and host video calls with those who are willing to hear about our work in the nations. **We really feel the work in 2020 is going to be significant and we are being led to be fully supplied as a preparation for what is ahead.**

We are so grateful to be partnering with you in the work of God. It is a tremendous privilege we all have to be a part of His activity in the earth today. Through your prayers and financial partnership together we are truly making a difference in many lives!

Serving Jesus Together with You,

Chris, Rebecca, Jeremiah, Joshua, Joel, Ruth & Jonathan Vennetti

Prayer Requests:

- **First love for God and love for others:** Personal/marriage/family
- God's wisdom and favor as we seek to **follow-up with leaders in Latin America.**
- **Financial support** sufficient for all the upcoming work in 2020.

Photo Page from the Mission to Panama & Costa Rica



Samuel Casco (One of our key coordinators in Costa Rica) and his brother have a vision to use media (television, radio and all forms of media) in order to share the Gospel of Jesus with the entire city of Perez Zeldon, Costa Rica. While I was there I had the privilege of sharing my testimony on their television show “*Tiempos de Transformación*” (Time for Transformation).



Pastors conference and citywide meeting in Perez Zeldon, Costa Rica

After hearing us share about God’s heart for the nation, Samuel’s 6 year old son “Diego” grabbed the flag of Costa Rica and told his father, “Daddy, I want the nation for God!” (That same night their family went evangelizing in a local city park and there was an openness to the Gospel.)



Leaders training in Puntarenas, Costa Rica



Through some of those we met we are seeing the possibility of forming a network specifically for youth & young adults across Latin America



“What you shared really touched my heart. It was for me. This is a great encouragement to me to continue in what God has called me to in being a light in my work at the hospital!” Josiah Alvarez, Puntarenas, Costa Rica