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“But Jesus said, “Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of

Heaven belongs to those who are like these children.” Matt. 19:14

These past few months have been fast paced and exciting in so many aspects. As for our task in church planting and developing a community-based health care ministry in Veraguas, Panama, we have not slowed down a single pace.

Cindy has taken on a new project that has taken the surrounding community folks by a windstorm. It is a simple project that no one would have imagined would have been such a big deal. A community garden! WOW! It is a great tool for nutrition and auto-sustainability. As soon as people saw us breaking ground, invariably they would drop by to ask, “What are you planning on doing here?” Our reply was, “A community garden to grow fruit and vegetables.” Their reply was, “Can I help?” Can you help??? Sure, that's precisely the point, let's do this together. We have had children & parents running everywhere digging, hauling, clearing, and entertaining. They love mud and love getting dirty, especially when overgrown kids like us muddle in the middle of it. Some of



Community Garden

the neighbors would bring us food as we worked showing their support and excitement. Teachers and

administrators from the school across the street would come over and hang out with us showing their support and excitement.

We casually share how important it is to cultivate, care and nurture the garden if we expect results and food. It is equally important to cultivate, care and nurture our spiritual life if we want to remain healthy. Our message has been, “We are planting two things here, a garden for physical food and a spiritual garden for our souls. Both are important.” What is great about all of this is not so much the concept but that the community is capturing the vision as their own. How exciting!

We needed to take a little time to recharge as we hit the road running upon landing here in Panama. Little time to catch our breaths but when we did take the time, it was great. We had our daughter Tanji and fiancé



Tanji, Cindy & Johnny

Johnny visit us for a week. Leaving the Caribbean to visit us was such a surprise and blessing.

Showing them what God was doing was great. But spending time with them was a little taste of home. We had the opportunity to travel a bit of Panama and see some of the other sites that the country has to offer. What a blessing to be able to share it with your loved ones.

We are expecting Sasha and Sophia to come visit us during the summer sometime. While Sophia would rather go back to Spain we twisted her arm into coming here to Panama. Sophia is still in school and working at the Art Museum and loving it. She has been published several times already and has had some of her



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art work permanently posted in several university collections. She is awesomely talented which she doesn't get from her dad???

Sasha remains in Austin, Texas still in school cramming 4 years into 6 (as Sophia is as well). Sasha, as we understand, she will begin her classes in education next year and shortly after that look for a teaching position somewhere in Texas. We have encouraged her to consider teaching overseas. Please be in prayer for her discernment in this matter.

Last month I received GREAT news from my son Michael who is in San Diego, California. Michael finally took the plunge and got married. Our new daughter-in-law, Gabriella is from San Diego, California and will be a graduate of the University of California. Sadly, we were not able to

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attend the wedding but we took part as much as we could via Skype, the internet, and the phone. We are looking

forward to a visit soon from them or vice-versa. Michael continues with his studies in San Diego for the moment. We are very pleased that they are both very involved in church and passionate about their faith. Gabriella is a sweetheart and we pray for them daily as we do for all of our kids.

The construction of our multi-purpose building is slowly coming to fruition. We have been blessed with several teams these last few months and a couple of prospective new partners from Texas, Florida, and Wisconsin. We need more so consider forming a team!

We have hit the rainy season and it's wonderful. The weather is a consistent 77 degrees and ideal. The humidity is another thing. The rainy season will bring some challenges to our Sunday services as we

continue to meet under a tree. However, we have in our plans to build what is called "a rancho" which is nothing more than a tin roof with either cement or pebble flooring as a make-shift meeting place. This will not only serve our purposes for worship but for VIM teams who get caught up in the rain during construction times.

We received the good news from Cindy's mother that she has now been 10 years cancer free which was a struggle we all wrestled with several years ago. We praise God for that bit of great news. David's mother is doing great at 87. She is still driving around like a mad woman in Houston, Texas and shows no sign of slowing down. Great for her!

Please consider Partnering with us in ministry through the advance program.

Your participation keeps us in the field and active in this endeavor.

Remember our family in your prayers. Ways to keep in touch with us if you desire are through the following means:

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