

# VIOLA TO PANAMA

Sep. - Oct. 2024 Prayer Letter

Greetings to all of our supporters and prayer warriors. We give thanks unto the Lord for all of you.

## ◆ September Update:

During September, we held the final month of competition among the youth. Over August and September, we saw the teenagers bring 30 first-time visitors to the class. We give thanks to the Lord for the great work that they have been doing in inviting and witnessing to their friends and classmates since we challenged them and taught them how to invite and evangelize. At the end of the month, we held a soccer tournament to close out the competition at one of the fields near downtown. All together we had six teams participate, and each team had a minimum of five players per team, with at least two visitors on each team. Before the final game to determine the tournament winner, we gave a clear Gospel presentation. Pray that the Lord will move in the hearts of those youth who heard the Gospel message, not only at the tournament but for those who visited the class as well.

The church also had its second-ever missionary family, who are in Spain, come and present their ministry to the church, and the church decided to take them on for support. Praise the Lord that the people see the importance of missions. Also, during September we were able to make a quick trip, four hours south, to the city of Chitre. It is one of the cities that is high on our list for a possible church plant. We learned quite a bit about the city in the quick survey we were able to do, but we are planning to head back to spend a few more days to get an even better survey of the city in the next few months.

## ◆ October Update:

In October, one of our supporting churches from Texas sent down a missions team to help the church hold leadership and teaching training classes for the teachers and leaders of the church. They held the classes over three days, and the teachers learned a lot in regards to how they can prepare, teach, and care for their classes even better. Also, October is officially our last month with the church here in Boquete. We announced to the church that we would be transitioning out of the church at the end of October in order for us to start spending more time traveling to visit and survey other towns and cities in Panama to see where the Lord would direct us to start our first church plant. We are saddened to leave the youth here in Boquete, but we are excited to see where God takes us next. Please be praying for Irving who is the teacher for the youth and for Johanna who has taken over for Maria in teaching the girls.

## ◆ Family Update

We would like to introduce to you all, Emma Stella Viola born on October 15, at 10:22am, weighing 7.7 pounds. She was born a healthy baby with no issues and we give praise to God for the safe delivery and the good health of Emma. We also want to say thank you to our Home Church (FBT), the ladies group of Rebecca Creek BC, and Westside Baptist Temple for sending extra funds for Maria and Emma, we greatly appreciate it. Also please note: We have included a separate photo of Emma with the prayer letter email.



With Blessings,  
Zach & Maria Viola  
Your missionaries to Panama



## Prayer Requests

1. Please pray for the lost souls of Panama.
2. Please pray for us as we start making plans to visit Panama City, Chitre, Santiago, La Chorrera, Penonome, David, and other cities to determine where the Lord would have us start the first church plant.
3. Please continue to pray for the health of Maria and Emma.

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