



Robert and Valerie Creech – to PANAMA

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Dear Brethren,

We stayed in the States later than we had originally intended in order to be at our son's wedding October 6th. It was a great blessing and answer to prayer for him, and us, to unite his life to that of a woman of outstanding Christian character. We trust that the Lord will bless them in their new life together and use them for His glory.

Here in Panama a lot is going on. The conference in Santiago October 18-20 was well attended and members of new congregations came for the first time. Bro. Juan Arellano, pastor in Texcoco, Mexico was a featured speaker. A young man from our church, Cody Bush, grandson of our pastor, was in attendance and gave his testimony of salvation. Please pray for the next conference November 17, at the Philadelphia Baptist Church in Colón.

Chaos in the government is causing difficulties for the schoolbooks. The Minister of Education resigned and no one is being named to replace her. It appears that instability in the current government has made people reluctant to take responsibility for these government offices. The elections will be held in May 2019, and until a new administration takes over we only respond to the circumstances in the best way possible. Please pray for the new textbooks that are being written for the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades, that the process could go forward in spite of the disorganization, and for our projects of book distribution in the coming school year beginning March 2019. The two projects we feel burdened to do, and for which we are praying earnestly, are to 1) fill the schools on the Kuna islands with books (approximately 9,000) and 2) begin in the Azuero peninsula, home of Herrera and Los Santos provinces (approximately 30,000). In spite of the disorder on the national level, the Lord has opened doors with provincial officials of the Ministry of Education in Los Santos and we expect to have great liberty in the schools there. All of these issues need prayer. Each year the Lord has increased the resources we have to distribute schoolbooks, and we are seeking to continue to expand much more in this coming year.

Brother Alexis Gordon and I have begun to translate another book. Because of the scarcity of books in Spanish on the topic of church truth, we are prioritizing that category. Our next book will be Still a Baptist-Neither Angry nor Ashamed by Brother Jerry Locke.

FROM VALERIE

What a summer it has been! We had an accident in Houston in May which totaled our car. Thankfully, we weren't permanently harmed. I had a few severe contusions that took 2-3 months to go away, but

Robert and my sister Jarrette were ok. A taxi driver simply slammed into us sideways going 60 mph as we drove along. In July, our son became engaged to a wonderful girl we simply adore. Jacee is the best blessing! Their wedding was October 6th at our home. We're overjoyed. All five of our other children, son-in-laws and grandchildren are doing well and prospering in the Lord. We thank God every day for this. Thank you each and every one that pray for us. We can't thank you enough! May the Lord bless you all.

"...in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel..." Philippians 1:27

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Cody Bush, from
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Fellowship with some of the brethren in the conference