

# Over the Top!

The Lord's presence was strong with us. 401 educators from 13 Latin American countries and the US gathered in San Jose, Costa Rica from April 16 to 19 for the "northern" version of the **2012 Educators Summit**. The "southern" version will take place Sept. 10-13 in Lima, Peru.

**Teaching with IMPACT** was the theme of the Summit, with Romans 12:7 as the key verse: "If you are a teacher, teach well" (New Living Translation). At least 300 in attendance are pastors and pastors' wives that are involved in teaching in Bible school.

The program included ten different general sessions: Devotionals, main teaching sessions and evening services. Our national superintendents taught and preached the devotionals and evening services. Different educational leaders taught the morning sessions. There were also 30 different workshops offered during the Summit that included all 15 of the PROCEPA basic level workshops.

**PROCEPA** is the teacher certification program that began in 2008. Teachers must take 10 (of the 15) basic level two-hour workshops to complete certification. There were five workshop periods during the Summit. However, we decided to offer a pre-Summit PROCEPA Seminar that enabled participants to take two additional workshops. There were 260 that attended the pre-Summit seminar! We had 14 graduates the end of 2011. That number has grown to 96 as a result of the Cumbre. There are 1,828 teachers enrolled in PROCEPA.

### **A renewed commitment to ministerial training**

has become evident in recent years. It has taken several years to get the national Superintendents and Christian Education Directors "on board." But this work has paid off in higher attendance at the Summits. The Educator Summits are the place to be! We are humbled to think of the extent of influence that these 401 have over thousands of students in dozens of Bible schools through Latin America!

**Personal commitment is the first step.** The theme and atmosphere of the Summit challenged each person to renew his or her personal commitment. Quite often a single chorus emerges during the various worship times as the theme chorus. The chorus "Creo en ti" (I Believe in You) became that chorus. Please visit the Summit article on our website for a link to the video presentation that includes the chorus. The words to the chorus are there also in both Spanish and English.

**Please pray with us** for the upcoming "southern" version of the Summit that will be held Sept. 10-13 in Lima, Peru. We are expecting another 350 educators from the nine South American countries. We conducted a National PROCEPA Seminar June 1-2 in Lima in order to give Peru a head start in PROCEPA. The local committee was anticipating 50; attendance went over the top with 174!

Thank you to all who have prayed for the Educator Summits and for our efforts to raise up Christian leaders. Together we are having a deep, lasting effect on the training of ministers for the harvest throughout Latin America.

God's best... Rod and Sherry



*Little Davey Rides Again! ... on reverse side*

# Little Davey Rides Again!

David (Little Davey) and Deborah Kaiser did it again! The Kaisers and the rest of the Little Davey Project team assembled 75 computers and set up 5 computer labs over the course of a week in May. A sixth school that the team was not able to visit also received 8 computers. David and Deborah raise funds to purchase the computer components from both individuals and businesses. David reminds us that the Lord always comes through at just the right time, but rarely early! It is a walk of faith.

The team was a perfect balance of veterans and rookies... 5 of each. The veterans know the ropes, from hard drive imaging to computer assembly to lab set-up to cabling. Of course, it doesn't take long for the rookies to catch on! The rookies remind us to look for the things we often take for granted.

The team arrived on Friday night and began building computers on Saturday. We ran into some hard drive imaging issues, so the process took a little longer than usual. Little Davey also raises funds to give each teacher a bag of teacher supplies at the schools they visit. So Sherry, Deborah and a couple other ladies went shopping for the supplies. The Kaisers also have contact with the Nike Corporation and each year Nike Panama donates several soccer balls—5 for each school this year! They arrived deflated, so blowing up the balls was another task for Saturday.

After Sunday morning service and lunch, the rookies visited the Panama Canal and did some shopping while most of the veterans returned to continue building computers. We had almost 50 finished by the end of the day.

The **Tocumen Fountain of Living Water School** was the first school to visit on Monday. The whole team worked to unload and unpack the components and begin the lab set-up. Then half the team visited classrooms for English and cultural teaching. Each of the children received a handout that talks about the team and their hometown. The handout also included the verse "*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*" (Philippians 4:13) and reinforced this truth with an activity page. We've heard many testimonies of the children sharing this handout with their parents. The team also presented each teacher with their bag of supplies during the classroom visits.

We concluded our time at the Tocumen School with a dedication of the computer lab. Then we presented the soccer balls to the PE teacher. After a late lunch, we returned to continue building computers.

On Tuesday, the team delivered 15 computers to the **Canaan Good Shepherd School** and 12 to the nearby **Soldiers of Jesus Good Shepherd School**. Both of these schools are directed by Ana Taju. The Soldiers of Jesus School was started as an extension and outreach of

the Canaan School is located just 4 blocks away. Ana started this school in her home and because of growth moved to a nearby building. Because of lack of space, the computer lab is in a room at the back of her house. Then it was back to assemble the final computers that remained.

On Wednesday the team traveled to the **Agudulce Good Shepherd School**. Little Davey Project was inspired by a little boy that attended this school. This smaller school received 10 computers. The school is in a new campus and required assistance from one of our other schools. Two years ago Ana Taju was asked to provide oversight. She made the trip with us to the school. The school prepared a delicious "arroz con pollo" lunch and sent the team on their way.

On Thursday the team delivered 15 computers to the **Arraijan Good Shepherd School**. This school is built on the side of a hill. Space is at a premium. The team was impressed with the "creative use of space" that included wall to wall desks to accommodate this growing school.

As is our custom, we had the team over for dinner on the last night. It's a great time to say thanks and to talk about the experience at the schools. One experience stood out to most of the group, especially to the veterans. It was an experience that reminded us that we have just a part in the process of transforming lives for the Lord; that He has passionate people in these schools that persevere.

Ana Taju is one such person. Because of her love for children, passion for the Lord and gifted leadership, the Lord has used her to start two schools and oversee a third. In total, these schools are ministering to 1,110 children and youth. All of us feel honored to know her and to be a part of her team that with the Lord's help is transforming lives for God!

Thank you, David and Deborah for your vision and leadership. And thank you Little Davey Team for once again blessing the children and youth of Panama!



## PRAYER NEEDS & PRAISE REPORTS

- Praise the Lord for the record attendance of 401 teachers and leaders at the 2012 Educators Summit held April 16-19 in San Jose, Costa Rica. Join us in praying for the final planning stages for the southern version of the Summit that will be held Sept. 10-13 in Lima, Peru.
- Please pray for the Duima Indian School. School registration has been affected by unfair government policies.
- We rejoice with Randy and Lynne Forsyth who have completed their budget and will be traveling to San Jose, Costa Rica for language school. They are scheduled to arrive to Panama in January to coordinate construction.
- Please pray with us for the finalization of land acquisition for the Latin America Resource and Advisory Center for Education.
- Praise the Lord for the Little Davey team that assembled and installed 75 computers for six schools in Panama.
- Please pray for the ongoing need for LACC sponsors and for school construction in Panama. Several pastors have talked to us about their projects. Pray especially for the Chepo school, feature project for 2011-12.
- We are grateful for the 174 who attended the two-day National PROCEPA Seminar held June 1-2 in Lima, Peru, on course to complete their certification as Bible school teachers.