

Back in Panama!

We're back in Panama! What a great feeling to see the tall buildings as we flew in to Panama City. Then to see the smiles and hugs of our team at our office conveyed the clear message... Welcome home!

Budget Update. We're so grateful to all who came through in the month of June to help us meet our monthly commitment budget. We have 95 churches and 34 individuals that have made monthly commitments. Please pray with us that our generous support team will remain faithful so that we can ministry in an equally generous way. Pray especially for those churches that are not able to give according to their monthly commitment. We could really use some additional support to make up this difference. Please visit our Support page at www.Boyds.org.

Important Travel. We haven't been able to unpack our bags quite yet! We only spent 10 days in Panama in July. Most of our time was spent on three important trips:

Santa Cruz, Bolivia. We met with the Superintendent of Bolivia and other key leaders to begin forming the local committee of the 2016 Educators Summit that is scheduled for Aug. 22-25, 2016. We visiting three hotels with convention facilities and one of the larger churches in the city. We are planning for a group of 400-500 leaders, teachers and pastors from the South American countries. Please pray with us as we are negotiating contracts at this time. This is the southern version of the Educators Summits; the northern version will be held April 18-21, 2016 here in Panama City, Panama! The theme for the two 2016 Educators Summits is People of the Spirit. We are even now praying that God will use these two Summits to guide the ministerial training program and the churches on our continent to be Spirit-called, Spirit-united and Spirit-anointed!

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. We met with the national leaders and expanding local committee that is working on details for the upcoming 2015 Educators Summit that will be held Sept. 14-17. There was a high level of excitement as we talked about the theme – Lift of Your Eyes – the same message we've been sharing in the churches in the US the last several months. We are expecting that between 250 and 300 leaders, teachers and pastors will attend the Summit, probably 80% or more from the Dominican Republic. Please pray with us that the hard work of the local committee will pay off!

Guatemala City, Guatemala. We were privileged to work with another Little Davey Project team to build and distribute computers for LACC schools. Please see the full report on the reverse side!

House Hunting. Please join us in prayer as we are looking for the house, duplex or apartment. Rents have risen dramatically since the last time we looked for a place more than 10 years ago! Still, we know that the Lord has the perfect one for us.

We are so grateful to be back in Panama and back to work. This marks the beginning of our fifth term of service. Thank you for standing with us in prayer and financial support.

Many blessings... Rod and Sherry



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Little Davey Project 2015 Blesses 6 Guatemalan Schools



We were privileged to join the 2015 Little Davey Project team in Guatemala in July. The team of eight was led by Little Davey founder David Kaiser. Their mission was to assemble 75 computers and distribute them to six schools over four days. Missionaries Daren and Heidi Walker, Latin America Childcare Coordinators for Guatemala, not only hosted us, but took care of every detail to ensure that everything was ready to build the computers and install the labs in the schools.

Daren and Heidi purchased the larger components (case, monitor, keyboard, mouse and UPS) in country. We arrived on Wednesday to finalize preparations. Because of a problem with the equipment supplier, we weren't able to get a system board in advance to be able to put a system together and install Windows and Office with all updates.

The team arrived on Friday with system boards, memory and hard drives in their carry-on luggage. Friday night was a short night as we put together a system and prepared the master disk. We spent Saturday building computers and network cables. Because of the late start on imaging hard drives, we weren't able to finish on Saturday. But after church and lunch, we worked two hours on Sunday afternoon to finish assembling computers and preparing each school's "stack" of boxes.

Schools visits were planned for Monday through Thursday to deliver the 75 new comput-

PRAYER NEEDS & PRAISE REPORTS

- Praise the Lord, we're back in Panama! Thanks to all who helped make it possible.
- Please pray favor and provision as work begins on the bridge over the creek that connects to the Latin America Resource and Training Center. Pray that churches will send building teams.
- Praise the Lord for new classrooms at the Pedregal Getsemani, Villa Grecia and 24 de Diciembre Good Shepherd Schools.
- Please pray for the upcoming Latin America Christian Education Board Meeting in Nicaragua.
- Please pray for the upcoming Educators Summit Sept. 14-17 in the Dominican Republic.
- Praise the Lord for the 75 computers assembled and distributed to six schools in Guatemala in July 2015. Thank you Little Davey Project!
- Please pray for the more than 300 children who need an LACC sponsor. If you can one of these, please visit: www.Panama.LACC4Hope.org.

ers and set up the new computer labs. Three of the schools were in Guatemala City and three were located a couple hours away. Each school had a different way to welcome us, from balloons to US flags, from bands to Guatemala costumes. Each school sacrificed to condition the computer lab room.

After each welcome, team members and children helped carry computer boxes into the bare computer rooms. We usually spent about an hour unpacking and setting up computer cases, monitors, keyboards and mice. Then part of the team would visit classrooms for a short English and Culture lesson, hug kids and pass out candy. The rest of the team stayed behind to run network cables and test the computers. We then invited children into the lab to sit at the computers. David Kaiser shared a few words with the children and church and school leaders, then lead a prayer of dedication for the new lab. The director was then presented with a bag of soccer balls for the school.

There are always things that make each year special for Little Davey Project teams. The highlight this year was visiting the Royal Garden School on Thursday. Pastor Luis started the church 10 years ago in a small building under one of the busiest bridges located on the steep bank of a deep ravine. There are hundreds of shacks that line the banks of the ravine, home to thousands of Guatemala's poorest. Many of these forgotten Guatemalan children didn't go to school. Pastor Luis started the "Under the Bridge" school seven years ago. It was closed for a couple of years because of lack of permits and permissions. Daren and Heidi worked with Pastor Luis to reopen the school last year. The school currently ministers to 43 children, but this number will grow.

The seven brand new computers at this humble school clearly make a statement. These kids matter! Our prayer is that Pastor Luis and the teachers will use these tools to help these kids out of the ravine!

We were reminded once again of the importance of visionary and passionate leadership. Pastor Luis wasn't at the school when we arrived. He was finishing classes at the Bible school and would arrive shortly. He shared with me that he is in the second semester of his second year of study. His wife is in her first semester. We are so grateful that in some small way we are helping to raise up Christian leaders like Luis and his wife so that God will use them to reach a world that is lost and without hope.

This was the 10th Little Davey Project trip. Since 2005, Little Davey Project has equipped computer labs in six countries with 660 computers! Little Davey Project is committed to facilitating the best technology to give even the poorest the opportunity to become all that God would have them to be. Thank you David and Deborah for your vision. And thank you 2015 Little Davey Project Team – David, Dave, Linda, Karen, Jan, Sue, Bob and Suzi – for blessing the schools and children of Guatemala. We look forward to seeing all of you on the 11th trip in 2016!

