

Partners in Panama

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THE EXPERIENCE:

I had the opportunity to be part of the Panama mission team along with six other Hebron members, two couples from Kennesaw and a retired pastor from Oklahoma. We worked together with E3 Partners, which equips believers with tools and training to help evangelize their communities to establish thriving churches. Prior to the trip we were trained how to share the Gospel along with our personal testimony using the EvangeCube, a simple evangelistic tool.

GOD MOVING:

In Panama we worked with five churches that wanted either to strengthen their existing church or start a new church. We partnered with the pastors and ministry leaders from the churches, visiting homes in the area and sharing the Gospel using the EvangeCube along with our testimony. At the first house was an elderly lady who was a friend of one of the church members. After we explained what God did for her and how much He loves her, she was ready to trust Him as her Savior. Her son was visiting, and we as we shared with him, he also trusted Christ as his Savior. This became a common story throughout the week, as we repeatedly saw visiting relatives trust Christ as we or their family members shared with them.

FOLLOW-UP:

All those who trusted Christ as Savior were invited to a Bible Study called *I Am Second*. This study group engaged new believers immediately in a practical study of scriptures. At the end of the week, churches were given the information on the new believers to follow up.

TRAINING:

As we visited local homes, we trained the ministry leaders how to use the EvangeCube, and by the end of week they led the visits. In addition, we had the opportunity to present the Awana program to several churches and schools. Currently, there are only two registered Awana clubs in Panama.

In all, God allowed our team to be a part of four new church plants and to see over 200 people trust Christ as their Savior. What an incredible experience it is to join God as he changes lives far and near!



Preschool children in Panama church



Ryan & Herman (a church leader)



Ryan sharing the gospel using an EvangeCube