



**THE BRIDGE THAT CONNECTS US**  
 Newsletter from Milton Castillo  
 from Panamá  
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**Jesus, the lord of life visits us**

Opening doors at Amelia Denis de Icaza school, San Miguelito



When the Lord Jesus entered a town and stopped to preach and teach, there were many who gathered around him to listen. Sometimes he traveled long journeys to share good news with any who would listen. The Lord continues to bring good news through his word. He uses his people to announce the message of salvation.

Lord of Life Lutheran, Elburn, IL, visited Panama June 14-22 to serve at Amelia Deniz de Icaza school. They taught conversational English through bible stories, impacting about 150 children, plus teachers. They also helped beautify the school.

The educational process depends not only on the teachers but also students and parents. However, it is difficult for parents to fill their crucial role when the family faces economic and social difficulties. Teachers can feel overwhelmed.

The Lord Jesus came into this world to bring good news to our souls in the midst of great tribulation such as that faced by parents, teachers and children of Amelia Deniz de Icaza school.

**Go and make disciples**

From Panama to Houston to Nicaragua and back



Many years ago God led Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Houston TX to partner with the local church in Panama. Although 20 years have passed the relationship has endured.

I am the fruit of the power of the word of God. His Holy Spirit worked in me from the day of my baptism through missionaries, pastors, and brothers in the faith.

Now it was my turn to return to Gloria Dei Houston and share the story of what the Lord is doing in my life, my local congregation, and through CALMS.

For a week I saw many dear friends and brothers in the faith who offered exhortation and encouragement. I spoke with the pastors about discipleship and mission.

Upon my return to Panama I traveled to Nicaragua where I visited Pastor Hector Morales and his family.

The purpose of my visit was to support young people who

**The team experienced 6 wonderful accomplishments:**

- ✓ Launched new ministry at a public school in San Miguelito.
- ✓ Taught ESL and Jesus while also learning some Spanish.
- ✓ Helped paint the school.
- ✓ Participated in the bible study and worship at Gloria Dei Lutheran, a local congregation which follows up on the work.
- ✓ Learned more about the music program hosted by Gloria Dei for the benefit of the community.
- ✓ Visited the Emberá indigenous community by motorized canoe on the Chagres river.

## My God is so big, so strong and so mighty

Global teams from CALMS support local congregations as they walk together proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



The global team from Faith Lutheran Church, Jefferson City, MO visited Panama from June 23 to 30 for the second year in a row. They had the opportunity to serve at the Bilingual School of Los Andes. Praise the Lord for the opportunity to serve morning *and* afternoon shifts, impacting about 250 children.

participate in a discipleship program.

All week I was able to share about justification by faith and how crucial it was for me to understand and accept this truth that the Lord gives us in his powerful Gospel.



After confessing our faith in Jesus we have nothing left but to go to make disciples just as we were discipled.



Join me in praying for Alejandro, Antonio, Leonardo, Gustavo, Rosa, Carla, Marisa and Karolay as disciples of Jesus.