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# Diehl Family

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## Missionary Update

Since the Rodriguez family had to go to the States for a family emergency, I am doing all the preaching now at la Iglesia Bautista el Faro. In Bro. Rodriguez's absence I am also preaching at a juvenile detention center and teaching two classes at a small Baptist institute (cults and prophecy in Spanish - God has a great sense of humor.)

At first we thought that the absence of Delight's Spanish teacher was going to dampen the progress Delight was making in Spanish. However, Delight consented to take Mrs. Rodriguez's Sunday school class (which is a teen girls' class that she has to prepare for in Spanish.) My beloved wife, on top of learning how to adapt in this country and take care of four little kids, is writing out her Sunday school lesson, translating each word, and teaching 'her' class each week in Spanish.

February's Bible Clubs yielded many salvations. We as a family knocked on almost every door in our neighborhood, and there were 10 saved at the Bible Clubs held on our front porch!!!



## Missionary Story

One Sunday afternoon, on the way back from dropping off the bus route, we were stopped at a temporary checkpoint. After giving my passport, I also handed the officer a tract. He began to read it loudly to mock the tract. Then with a sneer, he asked "Why is the first thing that the tract says is everyone is a sinner?" I explained to him that no one calls for a lifeguard unless he realizes that he is in danger, and that we do not call for a Saviour until we realize that we have a problem. That problem (sin) is going to keep us out of Heaven one day. The very arrogant officer who wanted to argue a moment before, slumped his shoulders, leaned in closer, and asked for me to continue. The traffic was starting to build behind me and his superior told him that I had to move on. I could have cried. There are just so many that simply need the Gospel.

## Missionary Family

If Bible characters went through God's fire, twice recently we feel like we have been through God's blender. We do not say this lightly.

On February 6th, Drew Elijah Diehl was born. He was 5 weeks premature, and weighed under 4 pounds. He was born partly because of the health danger that he and Delight were in, and partly because the hospital kept refusing us the right to make our own decisions. Regardless, the Lord showered us with all the needed grace, and both baby and mother are doing fine.

Panama is changing their immigration laws as fast as they can. The second week of March we were required to leave the country for a month. The Lord used the 'untimely' birth of our son to allow us to stay. Please pray that we get approved for permanent residency visas that we are applying for presently.

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**Prayer Requests:** Souls, Safety, Delight's recovery & Spanish, Drew's recovery, Visas, Acclimation, and Support (we are currently at 93%)