

# GAMBOA UNION CHURCH

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**FEBRUARY 2010** “Pastor, we have some special music for the Christmas Eve service.” Our young drummer, 15 years old, had gotten a group of five young people together from Panama to sing, play keyboard and guitar.

We were all surprised! The service came alive with their song selections, abilities and enthusiasm to praise the Lord. I asked if they would like to sing at the next Sunday service. They were so excited and came a special day to practice as well as coming over an hour early on Sunday. The people loved them as they led us in worship. One young lady, soon to be married, asked them to play at her wedding.... now that was something new!

Prayer has been a main part of their preparation and planning. Shortly after these events the drummer asked if he could come to the church and pray one morning. Two of the group showed up and asked me to pray for them. They were spending three days in prayer and fasting for their ministry. On Sunday they announced that they asked God to help them reach a million people for Christ!

Now they sing on a regular basis. They also help me minister to people who come for prayer. One of the young university students recently returned from the “ONE THING” conference in Kansas City as 20,000 young people gathered during the Christmas holidays to surrender to the plan of God to reach their generation for Christ. As she shared with our congregation, the excitement is being transferred.

That is just some of the happenings on Sundays. Tourists and visitors from other countries continue to come as well as visiting teams from Youth With A Mission. They are excited to see Indigenous people from four different tribes, people from a variety of social, economical and spiritual backgrounds all coming together to worship and serve the Lord. Thank you for your prayer support.

I personally would ask for your prayers. Since January I have felt the Lord wanted me to write another book entitled DIVINE ENCOUNTERS IN PANAMA. This is to be a collection of situations that God set up to share His love with people. Most of the accounts will be related directly to Panama and others will include encounters before coming to Panama and while travelling.

In January, as I reflected on the events of the past year and how quickly the time goes, I felt I wanted my children and grandchildren to be encouraged in the ways God has worked in and through our family. The best way was to write in down and then also to share it with others.

I believe that the Lord is continually setting up encounters along our way for His people... but many times, for a variety of reasons, we miss them. The format will be short chapters, each with one story which will be only two or three pages long making it easy to read on a daily basis.

I pray God gives you many divine encounters this year also. Thank you for all your love, support and prayers for the mission here in Panama. You can send tax-deductible gifts in the states to:  
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