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JANUARY 2012 HAVE YOU SEEN NORIEGA YET? This is a question that I have been asked a lot in the last few weeks since the former general and dictator was transferred to Panama. The reason people ask me is that he has been placed in the Renacer prison within one mile of our church. This is the same prison that I have been going into for the last thirty-five years.

In answer to the question, "No, I have not seen him." But I have seen the activity surrounding his presence and can plainly see his private house as I enter the prison each week. I spoke with a Christian guard recently who told me how much he and his wife enjoyed my book. I suggested that we wait about two or three months until the excitement dies down and then ask the administrator for permission to give him the former general a copy. After all, a lot of it describes the times and people surrounding those years of him being in power. And also what the Lord did in his officers after he left for Miami and his men were placed in Renacer and came to my meetings.

We will put a note in the book that I currently visit the prison and am available for a visit. Then wait a couple of weeks to see his response. If we don't hear anything, we may speak with the administrator to request a visit with him. The good thing about having the book is that many in the office and guards have read it or are familiar with it. I do want to be certain that it is a leading of the Holy Spirit and not some gimmick for notoriety. You too can get a copy by going to www.gamboaunion.com.

On another front, in the beginning of December, I flew to the cooler province of Chiriqui toward the Costa Rican border to speak at the new Youth With A Mission base being built there. The first class of students for the discipleship training school was graduating and I was invited for this special event. What made it extra special is that our seven year old grandson, Markie, went along and sang a Christian song in both English and Japanese. But even before the graduation ceremony started, Panama YWAM director, Richard Tracy and I officiated at a Nobe Indigenous wedding for a young couple. It was a very full but rewarding day.

We had a lot of excitement for two weeks in mid-December with the Iris team of twenty-two from six different nations. They originated from Mozambique, Africa, but began this year-long mission trip through Central and South America in Vancouver, Washington. They all stayed in our church with their five vehicles and trailers parked in front.

The testimonies of what the Lord did through this team are too numerous for this newsletter. They were able to meet with many groups, including orphans, schools, and the military. We had a 3 hour meeting at the church on a Saturday. and a two hour service on a Sunday where there were many recorded healings and works of God in the people. On one occasion while they were ministering to people in an unsafe housing area in the city, a young lady who had been confined to a wheelchair for a year began to walk. Days later the report was that she was doing fine. So much to praise God for!

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