

GAMBOA UNION CHURCH
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JANUARY 2016 “FORTY YEARS”

January 2016 marks forty years when we began our experiences in Panama and at the Gamboa Union Church. We came here and signed a contract for two years and our twins, David and Becky, were five years old.

What has God done during this time? Yes, there are many political and economical changes, but only God would give us the true spiritual changes that make eternal values.

In the mid-eighties we began to experience a spiritual renewal into our lives and the lives of the congregation. People came and went with the military and canal personnel to the extent that at one time we had just ten people in the church. I was ready to leave, but had no place to go.

It was at that time God brought some very special people into our lives that sensed a direction for us. As small as the Gamboa Union Church and nearby community was, God shared that we would have an impact on other nations. At that time it was hard to imagine since we were so few and ready to quit. (Actually, later there were two other times that I wanted to leave: during the Noriega years in 1988 and 1989 and in the year 2000 when Panama was given total control of the canal.)

Then in the 1990's God began to bring a large number of students through Youth With A Mission. Their students and staff arrived to assist us in ministry at our services, the prison and help make our daily radio programs.

Then in 2000, the Gamboa Rainforest Resort was built and we began to make contact with tourists from all over the world. Tour buses would stop in Gamboa and we made contacts with many as they simply wanted to use our church bathrooms. We also had contact with students who studied here with the Smithsonian Institute located in Gamboa.

Every Sunday was different. One Sunday we had people from over fourteen countries plus three Indigenous groups in Panama. It happened gradually until one day we realized that this was the fulfillment of the “prophetic words” given several years ago that we would touch lives from many nations. One copy of the book, Finding Freedom in Panama, is now in at least 30 nations!

I know that this is a small ministry compared to others around the world, but it is big to all of us because we saw it happen and God gets all the credit. So on Sunday January 24, we are going to have a special “Thank You Jesus” service. As God has been faithful in the past, we pray and anticipate what He will do in the future.

Thank you so much for your prayer and support. It was in the year 2000 that we only had enough funds to last until October, but many of you wrote to say, “Don't leave, we will help the church.” And that is why you all have had a part... thank you Jesus!

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