

THE KUNA

Spring News Letter

Traveling to the islands of San Blas was an adventure. Our mission was to meet with the indigenous peoples of Panama, the Kuna!



They are a resourceful, hardworking, self sustaining people. The Kuna received us warmly and we enjoyed the richness of their hospitality.

We had the privilege of going on this journey with our friends from Canada, Rick & Cheryl.

Enjoy our visit to the Kuna Yala with us...

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Why did we go?



Our burden was to first of all get to know the people and their culture by engaging them in their villages.

Secondly, to discuss with the school director how we might be of assistance in helping their children receive a good education and a bright future.

Thirdly, to visit with the pastor (Pastor & family in picture above) to ascertain the spiritual condition of the Kuna. This Pastor is seeing God at work among his people. His church has grown to over 500 and he is seeking the Lord to plant another church to accommodate the hunger for God.

Features of the Kuna!

The Kuna physical features along with their striking unique and traditional clothing make them easily recognizable. It is reported that next to the pygmies the Kuna people are the shortest in the world. The adults carry traditional roles. The women care for the home. The men hunt in the forest or fish in the sea.



Rick & Cheryl with a Kuna Friend!



THANK YOU... your prayers and support are vital to the continuance of missions in Latin America & Caribbean. The Lord is doing great things in our region and it's an honor to share with you.

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Thank you for being our partners and friends in this ministry.

We look forward to hearing from you.

For the change of a life time!

James & Colleen

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Getting there!

The Kuna are an indigenous tribe within the nation of Panama. The home of the Kuna is an archipelago of over 300 islands where they have maintained their culture and identity. It is called the Kuna Yala. Kuna Territory.

A quick 45 minute



plane trip to Panama's Caribbean coast then a short boat ride over the warm ocean waters brought us to the first of many habitable islands in Kuna Territory. The habitable islands are crowded with thatch huts in which the Kuna live.

What we found



We began to see some immediate needs. The school does not have educational supplies for the children and major repairs need to be done to the building to which the government will not commit. We also learned of the need for trained medical personnel.

One need which we knew prior to our arrival was the desire to learn English. This will provide job opportunities in a world that is fast approaching their shores.

Our burden is to provide English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers to go to Kuna Yala. We want to send in 2 teachers at a time for periods of 3 months.

Can you commit to a 3 month term?

The Challenges:

1. Teach ESL and share the gospel. For the investment of only a few months you could change a life time.

2. Organize a medical team.

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I look forward to hearing from you for the sake of the Kingdom and the change of a life time.

We are seeking the Father for:

1. Recruitment of Missionaries to the region

2. Safety as we travel

3. Protection physically and spiritually as we minister in spiritually oppressed situations

4. Preparations for our regional retreat in January 2010