

# MISSIONARY REPORTS 2017

## 1. PANAMA

January 7th - 15th, 2017

Last year during my visit to Nashville, Tennessee I was introduced to pastor Ronnie Hepperly of RIO Church of God. He is involved in prison ministry and church plantation all over the world. While staying and visiting the ministry, I meet pastor Robert Taton from Panama with a group of ministers from Panama. We had a great fellowship and developed a kind of relationship that caused him to be invited to a mission trip to Panama. Our ministry had a very busy end of the year 2016, as we ministered to the Caribbean Islands country and the African country. So it was very hard for me to decide to join the team that went on the mission trip to Panama. The end of the year holidays was a very good time to stay home with my family and get enough rest to be ready for a new year. I needed to be fresh with renewed desire, perspective, and energy.



However, I responded by joining God in the work that He was doing in Panama. Together with pastor Ioan Pintilei we purchased the airfare tickets in the last minute and joined the mission team. The mission team was made up of pastors, volunteers, and businessmen from many of USA cities: Cade Smith, Cale Smith, Kathryn Ann Holt, Sarah Fowler, Denise Spradlin, Raven Broyles, Tracy Smith, Dan Maurer, Kendra Sweat, Lorie Basler, Tommy Horst, Roberto Taton, Ronnie Hepperly, James Basler, Ryan Meehan, Michael Houbre, Cole Hyams, Jacob Horenburg, Brad Molchan, Jeff Sweat, Josh Smith, Ioan Pintilei and Constantin Lupancu.

From the time we arrived in Panama city we were orga-



nized in small groups and went to minister to different areas of the city. Pastor Ioan Pintilei and I ministered to two churches that were planted by RIO years ago. As we minister to the people, we noticed a tremendous hunger for the Word of God and a desire in the hearts of people to be right with God in holiness and sanctification. Lots of people in the country of Panama live in immorality and corruption dictated by the fallen nature of sin. This kind of lifestyle seeps even inside the church, bringing a state of confusion. People can no longer discern the standard of God's righteous and holy living.





