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Panama is known as the “Bridge of the World”. We have been sent here as a “Bridge to the Kingdom”.



We are Darrell & Denise Eash. We moved to Boquete in 2015 and are amazed at what God has been doing since our arrival. We didn't come to Boquete as missionaries, but have since been given a heart to come alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ to encourage them in their spiritual journey by discipling them and spurring them on toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24). With Darrell's fluency in Spanish, we are able to minister in both languages. This opens up many doors of opportunity with Panamanians, as well as English-speaking expats who've made western Panama their home. Our mission is to be a “bridge to the Kingdom” in this country that's known as a “bridge to the world.”

AREAS OF DISCIPLESHIP

There are several areas of discipleship we focus on:

Leading Bible Study Groups: The main focus of The Bridge is in-depth Bible study, encouraging Christian brothers and sisters to learn how to study the Bible for themselves. By immersing ourselves in God's Word, He begins to renew our minds, transform our lives, and fulfill the plans and purposes He created for us before the foundation of the world. Each group participant is asked to complete a daily study on their own and then share at the weekly group meeting the truths they discovered during their personal time with the Lord. We've found that small groups not only allow the members to learn from each other, but also encourage the practical application of Biblical truth into their own lives. The goal is to nurture each person's faith in an environment of Christian love and unity, resulting in greater godliness and maturity.

Denise currently leads three weekly Bible studies:

- Women's English Bible study in Boquete on Tuesday afternoons
- Women's English Bible studies via Zoom on Wednesdays and Thursdays

Darrell led a weekly Spanish Bible study in our home for several years. He is prayerfully considering starting up another group in the near future.

Developing Leaders: We are always looking for leaders that we can train and encourage to start a Bible study of their own, once they are ready to do so. The work of reproducing ourselves is a key ingredient of discipleship. The Apostle Paul told Timothy to entrust his teachings to faithful men who would be able to teach others also (2 Timothy 2:2). Leadership training of two young Ngabe couples that feel called to the ministry is currently in the works. We believe the close-knit Ngabe community responds best to their own people, who understand the culture and speak the native language, so this is an answer to prayer!

Teaching & Training: Darrell offers one-day seminars on marriage and parenting, drawing from his many years on staff at Focus on the Family. He also trains pastors and lay leaders in how to study God's Word and teach others to do the same, using the Searching the Scriptures resources from Insight for Living. Local STS workshops are a wonderful option for those who might not have the time or financial resources to attend a seminary or Bible school. All seminars and workshops are available in both English and Spanish.

Assisting Short-term Mission Groups: We assist in planning, organizing, guiding, and interpreting for short-term mission teams that are focused on evangelism and meeting people's physical and spiritual needs. Because of our cultural understanding and knowledge of different ministries here in Panama, we can connect teams with the outreach opportunities that best fit their gifting and calling. Short-term mission trips are not only a valuable way to serve Christ overseas, but also help team members gain a better understanding of what God is doing in other parts of the world and how they can participate through giving, praying, and maybe even going themselves.

Translating for Other Missionaries/Ministries: Since Darrell grew up in Venezuela and has been involved with Spanish translation for over 30 years, much of the help we provide to other missionaries and ministries is language related. He translates for sermons, events, outreaches, or whatever other needs may arise.

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