



Summer Happenings

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Our Mission

We are here to:
Worship God,
Walk with Jesus,
Change lives,
and Serve the
community, through the
power of the Holy Spirit.



PANAMA MISSION UPDATE -- July 2008

(Howard and Mariella Walker are members of Trinity who have been working amongst the indigenous Kuna people in Panama for the past 3 years. This is their recent report concerning the expansion of the Kuna Church)

The rainy season has started, fortunately the rebuilt church on Achutupu now has its palm-thatched roof in place and everyone is happy. There is a concrete floor, much better than the dusty earth which it replaces. Pastor Antero has an enthusiastic congregation. Saturday morning Bible classes for youngsters are well attended.

It is still rather dark inside as they must conserve electricity, the gasoline generator is costly to operate. Solar is the answer, but the panels are not cheap either, a photovoltaic set-up would require several thousand dollars...which they do not have. That is the equivalent of a good many coconuts, considering they are sold for 12 cents each to the Colombian trade boat merchants.

We have had several volunteers from USA at the Vacamonte church. Interestingly, more women than men seem to be seeking volunteer opportunities. There is a great need for English language teaching. As you know, there are many expats settling down in Panama, many from USA and Canada as well as Europe. Some understanding of English is a great help to the Kuna people so that can get employment in housework or businesses.

Also, many Kuna speak little or no Spanish. We have applied for a grant from the Canadian Government to start a program of Spanish teaching for adults on the island of Achutupu. Unfortunately, in the Kuna culture education for women was considered unnecessary, even discouraged. The result is that there are many young women, now mothers, who are illiterate; therefore un-empowered in their society.

Please pray for these women and all the people in Kuna Yala. Their society is in transition, more and more exposed to the outside world and its malaise. It is in the path of the drug trade from Colombia; drug running and drug addiction is happening on the islands, along with prostitution, AIDS, family abuse and break-up. Temptations abound where poverty is deep. But it is not solely a matter of economics. It is so important that they know that Jesus is the only safe rock upon which they can stand. Romans 12:2 gives us the direction.

On June 13th, in collaboration with the Canadian Association in Panama, we took down over 300 lbs weight of clothing, shoes and scholastic supplies for the students in the primary school on Achutupu. Fortunately, the airlines generously waived their freight charge (45 cents/lb) for which we were very grateful. The presentations coincided with Father's Day celebrations. There were student songs, recitations and dancing. It was a heart-warming occasion. Such delightful children. Ambassador Jose Herran-Lima went with us. He has been appointed to the embassy in Mexico, we shall miss him and his wife Susan. They have been good friends and fine ambassadors for Canada.

The school director and staff have asked for our help in creating a classroom for English language teaching - that will be one of our targets for the coming year.

Mariella and I hold Trinity, Barrie in our prayers.

Blessings to all.

-- Howard Walker

TRINITY CHURCH BASKETBALL CAMP

Shoot, rebound, dribble, fun, skills, competition, new friends, cool instructors - all for you at Trinity Basketball Camp 2008 from August 18-22. Geared for guys and girls from age 10 to 15, this week-long camp will provide cool skills improvement and a fresh look at your spiritual goals too! Run in conjunction with Scripture Union Sportz. Limited places ensure good student-instructor ratios. Cost is \$129. Details from Father Andrew at the Church office 705-728-2691.



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Calendar Events for this Week

SUNDAY August 10th (Pentecost 13)

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion
10:00 a.m. - Family Communion,
Nursery in Undercroft, Summer
Sunday School in Upper Rm.

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion
7:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast at the
Simcoe Hotel

SUNDAY August 17th (Pentecost 14)

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion
10:00 a.m. - Family Communion,
Nursery in Undercroft, Summer
Sunday School in Upper Rm.

FROM THE MAIL

If writing to Trinity, please remember
that our address is P.O. Box 641,
Barrie, ON, L4M 4V1.

Summer Sunday School & Nursery

Sunday School for youngsters aged 4 to 11 as well as
Nursery care will be provided every Sunday through
the summer at the 10:00 a.m. Service. Our special
thanks to our summer teaching teams!

August 10th

Joanne Sugg (+ helper)

August 17th

Tracy Weaymouth (+ helper)

August 24th

-- Basketball Camp - Family Service

August 31st

Bus & Bisola Onayemi and Kemi Ogunmefun

Parish Info and Updates

NEWSPAPER FEATURE -- Trinity Youth

The recent edition of the "Christian Herald" newspaper
carries a full page feature article on our recent
Guatemala youth mission. Copies of the newspaper
are available in the tower walk.

** What effect has the mission trip had on the youth?

The following note was received from one of the
parents of a teen participant from St. Margaret's.

"My husband and I want to thank you so much for
your leadership of the Guatemala Youth Mission. We
are so thankful that the St. Margaret's teens were able
to join the Trinity Youth. Clearly the experience was
formative and I know it will continue to have an
impact on our son. He has told us many stories often
commenting on an experience out of the blue. I hope
that St. Margaret's and Trinity's youth will stay
connected. You have opened a door to many great
opportunities. God bless. -- Participant's Parent.

The Alpha Course

- Starting Monday, Sept. 22, 6:30 p.m.
to 9:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

The Alpha course is an opportunity for
anyone to explore the Christian faith.

It consists of a series of talks looking at
topics such as "Why and how do I
pray?". After each talk we divide into



small groups for a time of discussion.

It is for those who want to brush up on the basics, New
Christians, or those wanting to investigate Christianity.
Listen, learn, discuss and discover. And ask anything.
Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too
hostile.

There is no charge for the Alpha course, although you
may be asked to make a contribution towards food or
supplies.

To register, or for more information, please contact
Gary Lyon, 719-6457; Norm Marrow, 722-6852; or the
Church Office, 728-2691.

Doors Open Ontario

Trinity welcomes the opportunity to be a host for
"Doors Open" on Sunday, September 28th, from 10
a.m. to 4 p.m.

The public are invited to come in and tour our Church,
learn its History, and experience this place of God. We
can expect people from all over Ontario and beyond to
check us out.

Bill Canning is our Coordinator for this project.

*Each Fall kicks off a variety of projects. If you have
a desire to get connected with us at Trinity, please feel
free to volunteer by calling the Church Office at 728-
2691. We welcome your support.