

# The Harvester

So that all may know Christ,  
live like Him, and bear fruit for  
His glory



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## Praise & Prayers

- Please pray for Dan as he speaks and preaches at three different churches
- Praise God that our new staff family, the Kettlers, are at ~80% of their support goal! Pray that they'll finish
- Please pray for the leaders training at East Auburn Baptist on May 18th
- Pray for our team to continue to be ambassadors for Christ at home
- Praise God for the new Panamanian believers! Pray that the church will grow deep and wide at Templo Mount de Sion

## The Water of Life

“But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.” (John 4:14)

Our team of twenty parents and teens traveled to Panama this month to partner with Filter of Hope in sharing the Gospel and equipping families with water filters. Our desire was to build God's Kingdom, offer hope, and inspire Maine families to live on mission. God greatly exceeded our expectations!

During one evening debrief, Lily, age 15, said, “A highlight was when Aliza and I were sharing the Gospel through a fifteen year old translator, and I was so amazed that it was just us three young girls being missionaries in Panama!” **In three days, thirty-one people put their faith in Christ.** Praise the Lord!

## Thank you for Praying for our Team!

Thanks to being delayed a day in Newark (where our luggage remained for four days!) our team bonded deeply. Families endured long, intensely hot days. We shared clothing, caring for each other's needs like the early church and boldly proclaiming Christ all day. No better way to live.





## PANAMA

“I was amazed how they just accepted reality, saying, ‘We all get sick from the water.’” – a father on our trip

We all agreed that one of the biggest highlights was seeing people’s faces when we ran murky brown water through the filter and it came out crystal clear. “There was an audible gasp when Shelby drank the water drawn from the river,” one teammate recalled. All of us admitted that we were leery about the first sip that would demonstrate the purity of the filtered water. And the families we served could hardly believe it. Today over seventy households are drinking pure water for the

first time, and if they clean the filters like we explained, they should continue to have healthy water for the next ten years. These families—especially the kids—will have new life. And through the Gospel, many will also have eternal life. Our team shared the Good News in over 78 homes, many of which had a dozen children. As one team member put it, “Not only did every one of us step outside our comfort zone to act in faith and do things that are far from normal, we were also training

people to share the Gospel with their non-believing family members.” And we loved the indigenous villagers. Many tears were shed as we hugged our new friends good-bye and kissed the babies one last time. What hope we have in knowing we will one day all be together again in Heaven.



## Extended Family

Passion Week has come and gone, but we continue to remember the work of Christ. We hope you had a wonderful celebration of the risen Savior. We were blessed to have had our niece, Hannah, stay with us all week and to then have more family come for the

weekend. Carolina, a UMaine grad student that I have been discipling, and her Peruvian friend, Ana, also came for Easter afternoon to enjoy dinner, an egg hunt, and a discussion about the resurrection and our commitment to the Word. Ana had never had an Easter feast or

been on an egg hunt, but she was quite a competitor! ☺ Since Easter the three of us have been reading the epistles together. Please pray for Ana, Carolina, and Hannah to grow in their knowledge of and love for God.