



## Youth With a Mission (YWAM)

We are Richard and Deborah Tracy, the directors of YWAM here in Chiriqui. YWAM is a global movement of Christians from many cultures, age groups, and Christian traditions, dedicated to serving Jesus throughout the world. We unite in a common purpose to know God and to make Him known.

Back when YWAM began in 1960, the main focus was to get youth involved in missions. Today, we still focus on youth, and also involve people aged 8 to 90. We currently work in more than 2000 locations in over 180 countries, with a full-time staff of over 20,000. One of the joys of participating in YWAM is to work with people from many nations. YWAM's staff (known as YWAMers) come from over 130 countries.

In Panama, you could summarize our ministries in three words: **GO - EQUIP – TRANSFORM**

These are a few of the ministries we are involved in. Evangelism, Bible Distribution, Communities of Hope, Homes of Hope, Kings Kids, Rovira Kids Club, Indigenous youth home, Tribal ministries, Community Development, Vocational training, Missions conferences, Church planting, Nursing home ministry, Orphanage ministries, Medical outreaches, Discipleship and Mission training schools.

We are also an accredited campus with YWAM's University of the Nations (UofN). We offer the following training to Indigenous Peoples, Latinos and people from all over the world.

**The Discipleship Training School (DTS)** is a 20-week school embodying YWAM's mission to know God and make Him known. The DTS consist of a 12-week lecture phase where students encounter Jesus, hear His voice and respond to His call on their lives. This is followed by an exciting 8-week field assignment of making Jesus Known to a lost world.

**The Discipleship Bible School (DBS)** takes the students on a journey with God through the entire Bible. They do not just get head knowledge, but are discipled by God's Word. In this 12-week Bible school, the student is given an overview of "God's story" and will discover the purposes of God in it. They will be able to share their faith more confidently with those who are seeking and explain the Word of God more accurately to those who've already come to faith.

**The School of Leadership and Ministry Development (SLMD)** is a 20-week school focused and designed to develop the student as a leader. The goal is to "equip the saints for the work of the ministry. This course will further help the student to discover God's calling on their life, while focusing on leadership development and practical ministry tools. The SLMD prepares the student to go to the next level with a challenging course, full schedule, with practice and hands-on leadership.

With these three courses and two internships a student can graduate with an Associates of Arts in Leadership with the University of the Nations right here in Chiriqui.

We are looking for people to get involved in what we do. No matter what your skill set is, we always have need for volunteers, equipment and financial support for our missionaries and projects. Would you consider partnering and getting involved with us here at YWAM?

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