

Dear Praying Friends,

November/December 2015

Matthew 1:21 says, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." The name Jesus reminds us that "Jehovah is Salvation" and that He saves us from our sins. God gives us these wonderful reminders of Who He is and what He has done every time we read the Christmas story!

The Christmas season is upon us. The days have been busy as we continue to set up our home and to serve here in the Dominican Republic. We began settling into a routine, and Tim was able to start working at the church in the various ministries. During November, we were able to help Bro. Autrey with a group from the states who came to work with the children, repair one of the churches, and aid in our Friend Day. On Saturday, November 14, we passed out flyers and tracts for our special service the



following day, and God gave us a great Friend Day on Sunday. Praise the Lord for the help and the Word that went forth. During December, which is usually the busiest time of ministry here, we began our language classes three times a week. On December 6, Tim visited one of the national churches in the capital to meet the pastor and see the work. It was wonderful to see a packed building and people come forward to trust in Christ as their Savior. On December 11, the church hosted over 30 national pastors for the annual Christmas fellowship. We enjoyed the great privilege to meet these servants of God, the majority of whom have been trained or are training through the seminary here. Please pray as we finish the month with ministry in the orphanages and sugar cane villages.

We hope that you have a very Merry Christmas; may we not forget that Jesus was born to die for us! We are so grateful for your prayers. Please take time to read the article "Ten Years" written by Stephanie about how God worked in her life on the back of this letter.

Telling forth the name of Jesus, Jehovah is Salvation,

The Germano Family

Praises

- Received our container without any issues
- Souls saved during ministries
- Wonderful Thanksgiving
- Great outreach with the national pastors
- Opportunities to begin serving
- Bibles and gifts given to the national pastors

Prayer Needs

- Ministries to the children this month
- Learning Spanish
- Smooth transition to new building for the church
- Funds to repair and add to the new building
- Health and Safety

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Featured Article: Ten Years

By Stephanie Germano



It is so amazing to me how God is always working in our lives, even when we do not realize it! When I was a senior in high school, God made it very clear to me that He wanted me to be a missionary. I was very nervous, but also very excited. My parents, however, wisely told me that getting to a foreign field was not just something that would happen overnight, but it would take much time and preparation. My mother even jokingly said that it could even take as long as ten years. I chuckled to myself because I thought, "Surely it would not take that long!"

A year later, I had the opportunity to attend Crown College in Powell, TN. It was there that I met my husband and began to develop a burden for the Dominican Republic. After graduation, Timothy felt

that he needed some additional training before heading to the mission field. He prayerfully searched for an opportunity to serve. The Lord opened up a youth pastor position in Downingtown, PA, at Faith Community Baptist Church under Pastor Roland Venable. It was there that we both began to grow and learn many lessons about the ministry. The Lord allowed us to serve there for three years before He laid it on our hearts to begin the next chapter. Faith Community became our sending church as we set out on deputation.

After a wonderful two years of ministry on the road we were excited to finally head for the Dominican Republic. We were held up, however, with some visa and container paperwork. This process took an additional two months. At first, we were discouraged, but then God opened our eyes to see the valuable lessons that He was teaching us as we waited on His perfect timing. The day came when we were finally able to buy our tickets! The week before we left, I was talking to my mother on the phone. She gently reminded me that our first day in the Dominican was the tenth anniversary of when I was called to be a missionary! Wow! It really did take ten years! All the while God was quietly, yet meticulously working in my life.

Although I still do not feel very ready, I take comfort in knowing that He will use each obstacle I face to prepare me for the next step in the path He has for me to take. If it were not for the lessons He had taught me in college, I would have never been ready to be a youth pastor's wife. If it had not been for the lessons I learned as a youth pastor's wife, I would have never been ready for deputation. Looking back on the ways He has shown Himself mighty to us in the past will help us look forward to the future as we began our ministry. "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:" Philippians 1:6.

Oh praise His dear, sweet name!