

THE *Prater* FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



December 2020 - January 2021

Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

Praises: We are finished with deputation! The Lord has answered so many prayers for us the past few weeks, and He is always right on time every time. Enoch's baptismal service took place on 1/31/21 at our home Church. It was a great time of rejoicing for our family and Church family. I was able to baptize him, and it was a very special moment for us both. Brittany and I recently found out that she is expecting again! She is due to have another baby boy on 8/1/21!

Answered Prayers: God has brought in the remainder of our support goal that we have been praying for. Brittany and I took our trip to the Dominican on 1/11/21 – 1/15/21 to set up our apartment and to purchase some furniture before our move on 2/16/21. With the help of the Autrey and Germano family (other fellow Dominican missionaries), we were able to get a lot accomplished in just a few short days. We signed and placed some payments on our apartment. We purchased beds and mattresses for our family as well as a stove, microwave, refrigerator, freezer, washer, dryer, kitchen dishware, and utensils. We were also able to start the process in setting up a bank account at a bank in Santo Domingo. We definitely had a productive week and a safe trip. Thank you for your prayers! We have been praying for and have asked you to pray about purchasing a twelve-passenger van for the field. We did not yet have peace about purchasing one, so we held off and waited on the Lord. Amazingly, another Dominican Missionary family was wanting to sell their vehicle at the same time that we were looking to purchase one. The vehicle is just what our family needs, and we are so glad we waited on God! At the same time, we don't have to worry about the hassle of shipping a vehicle from the U.S. to the DR. Another prayer that God is in the process of answering is the selling of our home. We have our house in contract, and it is set to close on 2/12/21 (four days before we leave out for the Dominican Republic)! God works right on time! Brittany's FBI background check (a visa requirement) went through, and it came in the mail the same day we returned from our trip to the Dominican Republic. Praise the Lord!

Some Notable Dates and Current Prayer Requests: My ordination service will take place on 2/7/21 with the doctrinal questioning taking place on 2/6/21. Please pray as we finish up the process on our visa application. We ask for your prayers for a smooth and safe move to the Dominican Republic on 2/16/21. We will be flying with four boys, another on the way, and about 19 suitcases. Please pray for God's grace, protection, and help in our move. Please pray for a healthy/safe pregnancy and delivery as well as finding the right OBGYN for Brittany once we arrive in the Dominican. We ask for wisdom in all of our decisions and for the Lord's will to be done in all of our prayer requests.

It has been amazing to watch the Lord bring all these things together. What He has done for our family the past two years has been exceeding abundantly above all that we have asked or thought. We are ready and excited to spread the gospel to the people of the Dominican Republic. We are honored to be your missionaries serving the Lord in the Dominican. Thank you all so much for your continued prayers and support. You are continually in our prayers. We love you and praise God for you all.

In Jesus' Name,

Ethan and Brittany Prater
Enoch, Silas, Jude, and John

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