

THE *Prater* FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

August - September 2021

“...Repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 20:21). A message as much needed today as when Paul testified of it 2,000 years ago. This is the burden that God has impressed upon my heart for the people of the Dominican Republic, and He has placed a fire in my bones to deliver it to this country. No endeavoring manner of spiritual revival will ever occur through the preaching of God’s word without a man of God laboring among those two topics: repentance and faith. Repentance is the tilling/breaking of the ground wherewith the seed of faith may take root. The preaching of Jesus Christ and John the Baptist was the same, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matt. 3:2; Matt. 4:17) as well as faith in the only begotten Son of God (John 3:36; John 3:16). That is the message I am sticking with as well. The Christian school of New Life Baptist Church has started up, and it is an awesome opportunity to reach these children for Christ. There are close to 150 students in the school, and the Lord has given me the liberty to preach chapel services as well as teach in the Christian school. Please pray that the Lord will give us much fruit as we present the gospel unto them.

I was invited to preach near the city of San Cristobal on September 26th in the Church of one of the Pastors from our Bible seminary. The Lord blessed our services there. San Cristobal is a province with a population well over 200,000 and an area vastly void of the gospel. Please pray for the light of the gospel to shine in that part of the country! Missionary Ronnie Autrey is preparing for a furlough trip to the states this upcoming year of 2022. The past several months have been a preparation for myself and other staff of the Church to continue the work at New Life Baptist Church while he is away. We do ask for your prayers for Brother Autrey’s furlough as well as the Church and its ministries for the upcoming year. During the month of August, a brother in Christ and I were able to lead three souls to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Praise God for what He is doing! NLBC is preparing a Christmas blessing for 55 National Dominican Pastors and their families. Each Pastor/family will receive a “Christmas Box” consisting of food, supplies, and a love offering. We are attempting to raise \$175 for each family. If the Lord lays it upon your heart to participate in this Christmas love offering, please contact us, and we can assist you or answer any questions that you may have.

Brittany and the boys are healthy and well. There is much work that goes unseen but is done by a missionary wife and mother. I am very thankful for my wife and for the responsibilities she takes on every day while in the midst of a new country away from family and familiar comforts. Please pray for her as she ministers here in the country in a special way that is very important to our missionary work. The boys have started up their schoolyear and have been staying busy with their studies. We ask for your prayers for our family, New Life Baptist Church, the Christian school, the Bible seminary, souls to be saved, and the upcoming year of 2022. 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, John, and Ezra

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