

THE *Prater* FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



December 18, 2021

Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

“We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body” (II Corinthians 2:8-10). This is an update to everyone about our contact information. Yesterday, on 12/17/21, I, Ethan, was held at gunpoint by two thieves and robbed. The men took my cellphone, a watch, and my wallet. This is nothing unusual for the Dominican Republic with there being many poor people and Christmas time. I had left the Church yesterday afternoon right after my Spanish class and was walking home to our apartment. Our apartment is about 30 yards from the Church. Two men had been circling the streets on a motorcycle and came at me quickly. The one on the back of the motorcycle had a revolver and took the things I had. Everything happened within a matter of about a minute. I am alive because of God’s protection, and I only have a few scrapes and bruises. Thank the Lord for being there with me! Brittany and the boys were safe in our apartment at the time, praise the Lord!

We had immediately deactivated two of the cards they stole from me and thank the Lord we did. An hour after the incident, they had tried withdrawing some money from our accounts, but the cards had already been frozen. This was something that we knew going into the Dominican that we were exposing ourselves to these sort of dangers. I cannot help but think about Paul and the times he said he was robbed, shipwrecked, beaten, stoned, etc. I know Satan does not like the work that’s going on and God has a purpose for everything He allows. I was able to witness to two police officers yesterday after the incident, and we just pray that God receives the glory through this situation. Brittany and the boys are doing fine. We were shaken by the incident, but there is a peace and comfort in us that only God can give. Please pray for our family as we continue to serve here in the Dominican Republic. Pray for our safety and protection as well as for souls to be saved and lives to be changed through the gospel of Jesus Christ. Please pray for the salvation of those two men. With my phone being stolen, please do not use my old WhatsApp contact number (1-829-629-7555) to contact me until I can get another phone and give you an updated number. Thank you all so much for your continued prayers and support. We love you and praise God for you all.

In Jesus’ Name,

Ethan and Brittany Prater

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