

# THE *Prater* FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

**December 2021 - January 2022**

“Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations” (Deuteronomy 7:9). We want to give God the glory. What a great and mighty God, wonderful and loving Saviour He is. We have witnessed God’s faithfulness and watched as He has answered one prayer after another for our family. We greatly appreciate everyone’s prayers for us in the lengthy visa process we have had. With the help of the LORD, we have received our Dominican visas! Praise the LORD! Thank you so much to everyone who gave or prayed for our National Pastor’s Christmas blessing. We had around 62 National Pastors attend our Christmas banquet. They received food and donations for their families as a Christmas gift. One Pastor spoke to challenge our hearts, there was a good time of fellowship and singing, and a Christmas dinner. Since our last prayer letter, we have had three new visiting young couples who have been attending our Church services. We praise the LORD for the work He is doing! The last few weeks, the main emphasis in our Church services has been soul winning and the Great Commission. We ask for your prayers in that God would use His word to stir up hearts for evangelism, and that the LORD would bring forth fruit! The longer we are here, the greater we see the need for evangelism and the teaching/preaching of sound doctrine. In January, I took Enoch and Silas to an all-boys orphanage where we shared a time of devotion, games, and handing out Christmas presents and food.

Many have sent us letters of encouragement and prayers since the robbery that happened in December. You don’t know how much we appreciate each and every one of you and how God continues to remind us of how important your prayers are to our family. Our family is doing well. God has given us power, love, and a sound mind, and we will continue to serve the LORD here in His strength. The LORD laid it upon the heart of one of our supporting Churches to replace the cell phone that was stolen, and we greatly appreciate them and for God’s provision in time of need. I was able to keep the same WhatsApp number as before (829-629-7555). We would also like to say thank you to everyone who sent in a special gift to our family for Christmas. Your kindness does not go unnoticed, and we always want to show our appreciation. Many have asked as to how the boys have adapted here to the Dominican Republic. They are continuing to learn Spanish; we practice with them on a regular basis. Even with them still learning, they find ways to communicate with the children their ages and that also helps them to learn new words. They have made many new friends at New Life Baptist Church, and we continually are looking for ways to keep them involved in our family’s ministry. Living in a city is very different for us from the mountains and countryside of small-town Saltville, VA, but we try getting them outdoors to let them run and play regularly at a park down the road. There are many young families that come there, and we have been given opportunities to witness and to invite them to our Church. Brittany is showing vast improvements with the language, and this is opening up more ministry opportunities for her as well. I thank the LORD for her strong dedication in the midst of all of her responsibilities. 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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