

THE *Prater* FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

February - March 2022

“[5] And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, [6] And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen” (Revelation 1:5-6). “To God be the glory, great things He hath done.” God truly has done some great things the past two months, and we give Him the praise. It feels as though these have been some of the busiest months we have had since our coming here to the D.R., but they have also been some of the most rewarding and blessed. On February 6th, we held an Anniversary Sunday at New Life Baptist Church. Leading up to the Anniversary Sunday, we did a promotion of inviting many in the community to join us. That Sunday, we had 43 new visitors to the Church and were able to be a light out into our community. Many of those were some of the students and parents of our Christian school, and I believe that the LORD is going to use these “planting of seeds” to bring forth fruit. The following Sunday, I was able to baptize a young lady from our “Growing in Christ” Sunday school class. This was the first baptismal service that I have had the joy of administering here in the Dominican. It was very special. Through visitation and soul-winning, we have seen four new converts to Christ, praise the LORD! I pray for the LORD’s wisdom continually, and I ask that you pray for wisdom for us as well on every decision we make. We want to glorify the LORD. That is my heart’s desire.

We are continually in the building stages of our Churches, and there are areas where we have been able to improve and areas that need reinforcement. We ask for your prayers in wisdom and for God to prosper the works that are being done. Missionaries Brother and Sister Autrey are still in the U.S. on their furlough and are working on behalf of the ministries of New Life Baptist Church where Brother Autrey’s vision is to one day turn the work over to a national Pastor who can continue the work. This is a good time of preparation for our family for the next phases we plan to move onto once the LORD gives us direction to start a new Church. Brittany and Jude both celebrated their birthdays during the month of March. And our son Silas had a spiritual birthday when he received Jesus Christ as his Saviour on March 27th. I’m sure you know of the tradition of making a wish before blowing out the birthday candles; well, on Brittany’s birthday, she had made a special birthday prayer for all of our boys to be saved before she had blown out her candles. And God heard that special prayer of a mother when that same day one of our boys got saved. We have been rejoicing ever since! We are planning a baptismal service for Silas very soon. You don’t know how much your prayers mean to our family. There have been times where it has seemed as though the Devil has tried to sift us like wheat just as he desired to do to Peter. But Jesus told Peter, “I have prayed for thee” (Luke 22:31-32). Your prayers are so important to us as well as to other missionary families. Please remember to pray for us as we pray for you. 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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