

THE *Prater* FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

October - November 2022

“Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:” (Romans 15:20). We pray everyone has had a blessed Thanksgiving this year. We were able to spend Thanksgiving with the Germano family (missionaries with WWNTBM in Barahona, D.R.). We had a good time of fellowship together, and brother Tim invited me to preach for their Wednesday night service. The Lord has saved two more of our teenagers in the Christian school since our last prayer letter. I was able to lead them to Christ later on in the school day after God had been working on their hearts during our morning Chapel services. Thank you everyone for your prayers for our Christian schoolkids. Several come from broken homes without God or have religious, Catholic backgrounds, and God has given us the opportunity to give them the light of the glorious gospel of Christ. We ask for your prayers for the months of December into January which will be filled with several different ministry activities including our National Pastor's Christmas banquet along with our Christmas giving/visit to an all-boys orphanage. We will be having our yearly ladies Christmas banquet, a Christmas fellowship for the Church, and other special activities. Brother Autrey and Sister Chona will be returning from their year-long furlough in January, Lord willing. We appreciate their trusting us to care for the ministry in their absence as well as your prayers for our family.

For several months now, our family has been praying over, envisioning, and taking counsel over the next phases for our ministry. Our calling and desire are to plant Churches up north near a city called Puerto Plata. Our first phase of ministry has been to work with another missionary family to start off with while giving us time to learn the language, culture, and get established here in the D.R. The next phase is to begin a work in the city of Puerto Plata and preach the gospel in places where Christ has not been named. Before we take this next step of going full-force into a Church plant, the plan has been for us to take a furlough. Planning ahead, we wanted to let our supporting Churches know that we have prayed and plan to take a furlough, Lord willing, starting about the middle of September 2023 for about a year. We have taken counsel and are strategically placing our furlough close to the beginning of the school term as well as before the holidays to where we can spend those with family in the upcoming year. After furlough, the goal is to go straight into the next phase of our Church plantings in Puerto Plata. Having said this, we would like for any of our supporting Churches to reach out to us if you are interested in us coming by to give updates and visions of the work that God has called us to here in the Dominican Republic. You may contact us through email, our WhatsApp number (1-829-629-7555), or our U.S. contact number (1-276-477-5134). Lord willing, Brittany will be having the baby here in the D.R. just as she did with Ezra. We also plan to continue working with the ministries here at NLBC and the Autrey family until we take our furlough. We ask for your prayers for the ministry, the work that God has called us to, souls to be saved, for Brittany and the baby, and for our family. And in all this, we pray for God's will to be done. Thank you to all who have sent a special Christmas gift to our family, and a very Merry Christmas from our family to you! 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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