

# THE *Prater* FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

December 2022 – January 2023

“I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). We trust everyone has had a blessed Christmas. Thank you for all the prayers for our Christmas activities here at New Life Baptist Church. They were all very fruitful and blessed. We had more than fifty national Pastors attend our National Pastor’s Christmas banquet this year, and we were able to provide each of their families Christmas boxes filled with food as well as a special offering for each. We took one Saturday and divided into two groups: one went to an all-boys orphanage and the other group went to a sugarcane village they call “Los Bateyes.” It was my first trip to go to one of the sugarcane villages here in the D.R., and it was a very humbling experience. The families there are very needy. We brought them food, played games, sang songs, shared the word of God with them in preaching, and gave Christmas gifts to all the children. There were over 130 kids in attendance that day. Jude was able to go with me to help minister and give gifts to the children. Silas and Enoch have been going out with me and the Church to help promote the Church’s Anniversary Sunday coming up on February 5<sup>th</sup> as well as soul winning. We plan to have a special service geared towards evangelism with a guest preacher, special singing, a meal, baptisms, and other events. Praise the Lord we have several who plan to be baptized that Sunday. Brittany is doing great with her Spanish as she continues teaching on Thursday nights with the Children’s class.

Two young men who recently moved into the capital have been attending our Church. They are brothers and their names are David and John Paul. Both come from troubled backgrounds and a broken home. Their Dad recently passed away right before Christmas. Neither had a job at the time of their arrival and were barely living with just the clothes on their back. We have been able to help them as they try to get back on their feet, and the most important way that we have been a help to them is through giving them the gospel. Both David and JP have trusted in Christ to save them since they came to our Church, and both are eager to learn. Please pray for them as they are discipled and grow in Christ. Our family plans to take a trip soon up to Puerto Plata in the month of February to stay for about a week. This will be an exciting and important time for our family as we pray, plan, and prepare for the future. We have some specific prayer requests we are praying about for this trip. Please pray along with us that the Lord give us wisdom and direction. Brittany and the baby are doing well, praise the Lord. She is experiencing normal pregnancy symptoms which can be tiresome and burdensome at times. Please pray for grace for her over the next two months. 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. Once again, thank you to all who sent a special Christmas gift or card to our family! It means so much to us. 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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