

THE *Prater* FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

February - March 2023

“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us” (Romans 8:31)? The goodness of God is never-ending. What a blessing it is to be a child of God. We would like to thank everyone who prayed for the Anniversary service of New Life Baptist Church here in Santo Domingo. God did a work in hearts through that service with a good turnout of new visitors to the Church. The Church members worked to bring in the lost to hear the gospel message. Our prayer is for fruit that remains! I was talking to my oldest son Enoch after a Church service where some had received Christ as their Saviour, and I asked him what his thoughts were on the message and on the service. His response to me was, “Thank the Lord that God touched the Preacher’s heart to preach on salvation, and thank the Lord that those people came to Church that day. Because if they hadn’t, they wouldn’t have gotten saved.” How true that is. It is a reminder of the important task we have as born-again believers. God is continuing to do a work in the Christian school and youth group. I was able to lead a young man in our youth group by the name of Nick to the Lord recently. Him and his younger sister Yara have a hunger to come to Church and to be involved in our youth activities. We are praying that we will also be able to win their parents to the Lord. Please pray for this family (the Encarnación family) that God will do a work in bringing them to salvation. Please continue to pray for the Christian school and our Church youth group that God will help these young people.

Our family took a trip to Puerto Plata as planned to prepare for the next phase we will take after our furlough. My heart’s desire is to already be there, but I know we must wait on the timing of the Lord. Through that trip, God gave more clarity and vision to our family with the work we will be doing. It also gave a comfort and peace to my wife and children to see the place where we will soon be moving to. I was speaking to a man we met at the hotel where we stayed about the Lord, salvation, and Churches in the area. The words he spoke to me resounded the critical spiritual state that the entire area is in. Where the Catholic Church has deceived people into having “a form of godliness but denying the power thereof.” He is a lost man who can see the hypocrisy of those who claim to be Christians. His name is Guillermo. I am continuing in contact with him to win him to the Lord. He has mentioned to me his wife is a Christian, but he is not. They have given me their word that they plan to attend our Church once we start a work in the area, and in the meanwhile, please pray for his salvation as I continue to witness to him. We would also like to announce some wonderful news. The Lord has blessed us with our sixth baby boy. His name is Azariah Philip Prater. He was born on 3/30/23 at 8:20 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. Brittany and Azariah are both doing well, and God answered our prayers in a healthy pregnancy and delivery. Thank the Lord for His many blessings! As a reminder, 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 while on furlough. You may contact us through email, our WhatsApp number (1-829-629-7555), or our U.S. contact number (1-276-477-5134). We are currently scheduling meetings from October 2023 – April 2024. 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, Ezra, and Azariah

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