

# THE *Prater* FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

April - May 2023

“Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have *some fruit among you* also, even as among other Gentiles” (Romans 1:13). Thank you everyone for your continued prayers for our family and for the work of the Lord here in the Dominican Republic. God has been so good to our family. Brittany and Azariah are both doing well. We greatly appreciate everyone’s prayers for them. At the end of April, we had a wonderful visit from our Pastor, Kevin Rogerson, and his wife, April. We spent some refreshing time together while they got to meet our newborn baby as well as take the boys on a special outing to a nearby zoo. During the month of May, God opened a door of opportunity for us to minister in another part of the D.R. and to have some fruit at a new Church plant in Barahona. Just last week, on Mother’s Day here in the D.R., there was a young mother who came to know Christ as her Saviour. Her name is Mariana. She comes to Church services with her two younger children and has a newborn excitement for the things of God. Please keep her in your prayers. Missionaries Tim and Stephanie Germano, who are also with WWNTBM, began a work in Barahona about two and a half years ago. Brother Tim was finishing up on a degree in Bible College and wanted to go to the states for his graduation. They also desired to take a short furlough while in the U.S. Because of this, we have been assisting them in the ministry there in Barahona to be of a help to the Church while they are away. While still working here at New Life Baptist Church throughout the week, I make trips back and forth with some of the boys to minister there in Barahona as well.

It’s about a 3-hour drive from the capital to arrive to Barahona. Where the trip would be a bit much for Brittany and our newborn, she has remained at the house for the time being. God has been blessing, and we are so thankful for the opportunities He gives us to learn, to grow, and to prepare us for our future Church plants in Puerto Plata. It’s amazing to see through the different circumstances the Lord has placed us in how He is preparing us just as the potter would do with the clay. Just as how we have ministered in an established ministry here at New Life Baptist Church that has been going on for more than twenty years where there are different ministries and works along with a Christian school to where we are now helping in a newly planted Church that is in its beginning stages. After Paul’s conversion, the Bible states how that he immediately did not confer with flesh and blood but remained in Arabia and Damascus for three years before going to Jerusalem to start the work that God had called him to. God was using that time to prepare Paul for the work. With the time that God has given us and the ministries we have been involved with, we can see the hand of the Lord preparing us for the work He has called us to. We are looking forward to reporting back to you and continuing on with the plans that the Lord has for our family in Puerto Plata. 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. 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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