

THE *Prater* FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

June – July 2023

“And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the Lord: and let them give it to the doers of the work which is in the house of the Lord, to repair the breaches of the house, [6] Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house” (2 Kings 22:5-6). June 16th was the last day of exams here for the Christian school at New Life Christian Academy. Since that time, our summer schedule has been filled with repair work on the Church property. With the school kids on vacation, we have been able to put fresh coats of paint on the walls, re-tile the entranceway of the Church, place rock-wall siding along the entrance to the Church, fix plumbing issues, repair school doorways, mend and repaint the school children’s desks, and replace the flooring for the pulpit amongst other projects/repairs. We are continuing on with the reparations with the majority of it already behind us. We do ask for your prayers that we can finish the tasks left to be completed before the upcoming school year. At the same time, we are in the middle of teacher orientation in preparing them for the ministry/outreach we have through the Christian academy. The month of August is going to be a month of prayer for New Life Baptist Church as we prepare for a revival meeting towards the end of the month. We ask for your prayers in that the Lord’s will be done in all of these things.

The Germano family returned last week from their furlough trip to the U.S. It was a blessing to minister at their Church in Barahona while they were away and to have some fruit among them. We are step-by-step preparing for our furlough trip to the U.S. Our plans are to arrive at the end of September. The Lord has answered several major prayers for us including providing us a place to stay close to our home Church and family while on furlough. We are in the process of finalizing on a vehicle for furlough. Our plans are to sell the current vehicle we own here in the D.R. and repurchase a vehicle which can carry more passengers on our return. We ask for your prayers that all these transactions go smoothly and that the Lord blesses the transportation vehicles He provides to bring many souls to Christ. We are planning on taking one more trip to Puerto Plata before we fly out on furlough. Our goals for this next trip will be to take some more time to look over the area in praying and preparing for the move we are going to make after returning from furlough. Please pray along with us as we seek the Lord’s will 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. You are continually in our prayers. We love you and praise God for you all.

In Jesus’ Name,
Ethan and Brittany Prater
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