

THE *Prater* FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

August - September 2023

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28). Thank you everyone for your continued prayers for our family. God hears and works through those prayers. We were able to finish up much of the work on the Church property before the beginning of the school year. The month of August was a blessed month of prayer for New Life Baptist Church where we ended the month in a Revival with sister Churches in the capital as well as a Friend Day on the last Sunday. The goals of the Revival were to stir up the hearts of believers into a greater work of evangelism in our communities. It was a great weekend with the results of some salvation decisions being made on Friend Day. Much of the month of September our family spent packing and preparing for our trip to the U.S. Our plans for furlough had been to continue to rent the apartment we had been staying at in Santo Domingo throughout the duration of furlough until our return in the upcoming year. A month and two days before our trip to the U.S., we received a message from the owners of our apartment asking us how soon we could move out because they wanted the apartment returned to them so that they could live in it themselves. Immediately, we began praying and asking the Lord for wisdom in what to do knowing our trip was coming up soon. The Lord put it on our hearts to begin looking for storage units.

In the entire city, there were only two that I found that seemed to be suitable to store our belongings. The first one I visited had completely run out of space and didn't have the size we were looking for. As I was traveling to the second, I was praying that God would have exactly what we needed knowing we needed the Lord's help. The place I went to was located in a good, safe area of the city. The lady at the counter told me that they had only one large storage unit left. I knew it would be a tight fit, but I also knew that the Lord was on our side. So, we rented it. We stayed in our apartment until September the 17th when we began to stay in a hotel close by. September the 18th we had a moving crew come over to the apartment to move everything over to the storage unit. We had to fly out on September the 20th. At the end of an 11-hour day of moving, we packed the storage unit floor to ceiling and wall to wall with our household belongings. When I shut the garage door and saw how everything had come together, I knew the hand of the Lord had worked everything out. I was able to witness to a moving crew of six lost men that day while we ended that night in prayer. I pray the Lord works in their hearts, but there's no doubt that they saw God work a miracle and got to hear the gospel that day. Now, our belongings are safely stored in a climate-controlled storage unit, we are paying less for it than we would have to rent the apartment, and we are move-ready for when we head to Puerto Plata. It was a hard month of planning and packing, but all I can say is that “all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” Thank you for your prayers. You are continually in our prayers. We love you and praise God for you all.

In Jesus' Name,
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