

THE *Prater* FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

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“The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up (Matthew 4:15-16). We have a house! Thank you to everyone who helped us pray in finding a home in Puerto Plata. The Lord answered that prayer in a great way for our family. I took a trip to the Dominican Republic towards the end of February to take a look at the house. It has everything we have been looking for in a home for our family as well as for the needs of the Church. We were able to get all the paperwork settled on the house during my trip to the D.R. The realtor and lawyer we worked with said that they had never had an easier transaction. The Lord’s hand was upon it all. The lawyer and realtor are a married couple who live in Puerto Plata, and we have been in contact with them for several months. With every home we had looked at, we didn’t have peace they were the right one. If they did suit our family, they would be too far away from the city where the people are. But we continued searching and praying. Then one day, I came across a home online, and we sent the link to our realtor to go and look at it for us. Looking at the house, it checked all the boxes in what we were looking for. When the realtor and her husband stepped onto the property to see it in person, the lawyer said he just laughed. He had given up hope and thought that what we were looking for in a home for our family and Church, we would never find in Puerto Plata. And there it was. God had answered that prayer, and it just testifies to the greatness and goodness of our God!

Once I had signed the papers on the home, I had stopped back by to leave a few things there that I had brought with me in my luggage. There was a man sitting on the sidewalk in a chair right in front of our property whose name was John. I started talking to him, and he said he had lived there on that street for about thirty years. His van had gotten water inside it, and he was letting it dry out in the sun. I told him we had just purchased a home there, and that we were going to start a Church. John got very excited and couldn’t believe what I had told him. He said, “Are you really going to start a Church here?” I said, “Yes sir.” He said, “You know, you couldn’t have chosen a better place to start a Church because there’s no Church around for people to go to.” He said, “Once you start the Church, I’m going to attend.” I was praising the Lord. He said, “You see my van there?” I said, “Yes sir.” John said, “When you start the Church, I’m going to bring people to the Church to come hear the word of God.” I left off from that conversation praising God for His goodness and answered prayers. God is already working in the hearts of the people there. I’m so thankful for the Holy Spirit that guides us, but I’m also thankful for the times God gives us those confirmations that we’re on the right track and we’re right where we need to be. Brittany and I plan to travel down to the D.R. without the boys for about a week and a half in May to get the house set up and ready for our move. We plan to clean and get all of our furniture/belongings moved up from the capital to our house in Puerto Plata. Please continue to pray for God’s guidance, wisdom, and for His will to be done. 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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