

THE *Prater* FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

April – May 2024

"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4). Thank you to everyone who prayed for mine and Brittany's trip to the D.R. during the month of May. We spent ten days there in the country, and we were able to get a lot accomplished with the help of the Lord. It was well worth the trip in getting things set up there with our home and belongings before we make our move back to the Dominican as a family. We basically "hit the ground running" from the time that we landed till we left. The house had no electricity nor running water when we first got there with everything stripped down to the wire. It had not been lived in for a few years, and it bears the marks of not being well taken care of. Thankfully, we were able to get some repairs done in the time that we were there, but still much work ahead to get the house where we want it to be for our family and the Church. Brittany and I started with cleaning the entire house, getting power connected to the home along with running water, installing light fixtures and ceiling fans, making electrical repairs, fixing plumbing issues in several parts of the house, replacing all locks on the doors, running new gas lines to the stove and dryer, installing five inverter a/c units, etc. We had a moving crew bring up our belongings from the capital to the house. We were able to make the trip and get everything moved into the house in one day. From being in storage and having been shipped in a moving truck, many of our belongings had been broken down and needed reassembling. We worked on getting everything put back together and set up to where our family will be comfortable when we go back.

What we did in ten days easily could have taken us triple the time if we had waited till we brought the boys over with us, and it would have been a difficult experience for them. So we are thankful for what God allowed us to get done in a short time, and the work we accomplished while there was nothing short of a miracle. God is good! That is to say though that it was not without hard work, hot days/nights, weariness, and the fiery darts of Satan, but God was with us the entire time. We are at the end of our furlough travels and plan to spend our remaining time till our departure with our sending Church. Our departure date is set for June 27th! Once we get back, we plan to continue with some repairs and renovations of our home for our family and Church plant. We will be painting, purchasing and installing a generator, renovating the kitchen cabinets, pressure washing, yard work, installing better security around the home, repairing/renovating the Church bathroom, replacing/installing iron bar doors, etc. The place where we intend to hold Church services is a large patio area behind our home that has been enclosed on two sides and has a roof over it. Eventually, we plan to completely enclose it with two more walls/siding. We left our home in the care of a Haitian family we have complete confidence and trust in to watch over our home in our absence. We worked with them while in the capital of Santo Domingo, and they are hoping to eventually move up to Puerto Plata. We are praying that God uses them to reach their own people one day in Haiti with the gospel. Please pray for us as God gives us a vision of how to prepare, plan, and put everything together. We need God's help and your prayers. We pray for many souls to be saved and lives to be changed through our first Church plant (Emmanuel Baptist Church) in Puerto Plata. You are continually in our prayers. We love you and praise God for you all.

In Jesus' Name,

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