

# THE *Prater* FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

February – March 2025

“And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested” (1 Chronicles 4:10). We are thankful for answered prayers and for God’s hand of protection. Brittany’s mother Marsha came through her surgery and is recovering well. Brittany arrived safely back to the D.R. after time spent caring for her mom. Thank you for your prayers for the special Church service we had on February 16<sup>th</sup>. The Lord blessed! We had a total of 23 visitors that day, and from that service, six of the visitors have continued attending. We are averaging a number of about 12 people congregating in our Sunday morning services with those being faithful repeat attendees. God has helped us to build even closer relationships with our neighbors and to gain more of their trust. We have been very encouraged to see the Church people enthused in inviting others to come and visit our Church services also. From invitations and word spreading around, we have had another family come out with young children who are the ages of our boys. There are so many needs here and so many people to be reached. Our burden continues to grow, but we are so very thankful for the fruit that God has already given.

God has helped everything go at a good pace for us in getting settled, making plans, and in the growth we’ve seen in the Church plant. We were able to save what we needed to begin the projects on the side yard of the house. Our plan is to make this the entranceway of the Church. At the same time, we are working on repairing a bathroom we are using for the Church. Once everything is finished, we will be able to hold services at the back of the house where we have a larger area with an awning. We plan to eventually enclose the space completely so as to have protection from weather, have a more inviting appearance, as well as better security for Church property/possessions. The Church people will be more comfortable when we begin holding services there, and there will be more room for future growth. Please pray for our Easter service in April as well as a Vacation Bible School we have planned for the end of June. We have some missionary friends who, Lord willing, will be coming up from the capital to help us during our VBS. It will be a three-day event. Please pray for continued growth/fruit, souls to be saved, and lives to be changed with the gospel. As always, please pray that the Lord would give us wisdom in all of our decision-making and in everything we do. I also would like to ask a special prayer request for a lady who has cancer in her face/throat. Her name is Daysi. She is a lady that moved in with her daughter here in Puerto Plata. She came from Barahona from a Church where the Germano family serves as missionaries. She is a dear, sweet lady and has a clear testimony of salvation. Her cancer seems to have progressed more, and we would greatly appreciate your prayers for her. 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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