

# THE *Prater* FAMILY

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## MISSIONARIES TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

April - May 2025

“Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people” (1 Kings 3:9)? Oftentimes, I feel I can relate to Solomon in needing direction from God. This is the Lord’s work, and we ask for your continued prayers in God giving us wisdom because we want to do everything His way and with His blessings upon it. Thank you to everyone who prayed for sister Daysi, the lady who had cancer on her face. It is with sadness we inform you that she passed away on April 9th, but we rejoice to know she is with the Lord in heaven. Please pray for her daughters. I know it was sister Daysi’s prayer along with ours that they get saved, into Church, and faithfully serve the Lord. Last Sunday was Mother’s Day here in the Dominican. We had a turnout of close to forty people, not including our family. We were running out of space where people could comfortably sit underneath the carport in the shade. We plan to move our services to the back patio of the house this upcoming Sunday to give us a larger area to hold services. Although it was a special service with a somewhat larger attendance, our regular services are growing as well. We finished the remodeling of the Church bathroom. Before, the people had to enter in through our laundry room and go through my office to get to the bathroom. Now, there is access only to the bathroom itself, and we are able to maintain the rest of our home closed off and private. Our Easter services were a very special time for the Church, and we held our first Lord’s Supper together.

Projects on the side yard are all complete with only a few odds and ends left to do. With the completion of many different construction projects and repairs that have been very timing consuming, we are excited to have more time to focus on outreaches and to start more ministry activities. We have been excited to see growth in the people who are attending spiritually, and our prayer is to see our reach into the community grow as well. There is an empty parcel of land that is directly across from us that we have been praying over since we moved here. In my mind, it would be a great location to build a Church building, but I want to make sure it is the Lord’s will. But I ask for you to pray with us, and when the time’s right, that God give us clarity on what to do. Please remember to pray for our vacation Bible school that we will be having at the end of this month. We have a few in the Church who need to be baptized. We plan to have our first baptismal service at the end of the month. There have been several here who have asked us to begin English classes. I know of other Churches/missionaries in the Dominican who have had success in beginning English classes and using it as a ministry tool. Please pray that God would give us wisdom in this as well, and that everything would be in His timing and will. We have an update for our contact information. 1-276-477-5134 is no longer a valid contact number for our family. A new phone number to reach us at for those who do not use WhatsApp is 1-276-698-2012. For those who use WhatsApp, you may contact us at 1-809-753-9549. 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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