

# THE *Prater* FAMILY

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## MISSIONARIES TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

June – July 2025

“But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;” (Psalm 103:17). God has been good to our family and has greatly helped us with the work here. We have officially been here a year. We haven't reached the anniversary of our Church plant, but we have been in Puerto Plata for a little over a year now. The Lord has blessed us. Thank you for your prayers for our Vacation Bible School. The Jordan family traveled up from the capital to help us that weekend and God worked and blessed above what we could have imagined. The Jordan's were a tremendous help in our VBS, and we could not have done it without them. With limits of space on the property and a limit in adults to help, we decided to place a cap on attendance at between 50-60 children. We exceeded this amount by a few and ended up with a total of 63. Two teenage boys got saved during our VBS. Pray for them and that we can continue to help them grow in the Lord. God continued working on several of the young children's hearts, and the VBS has given us a greater connection with the community. Some of those involved in VBS have continued to attend our services as well as other youth activities. The finale of VBS was our Sunday service. With so much going on, we did not get a complete count, but our attendance exceeded 100 that Sunday. There was a young mother whose name is Victoria that God was working on her heart during the message. She had concerns about her salvation, and so Brittany and I spent time talking with her that Sunday. Her life has been filled with brokenness and scars.

But she gave her heart to Jesus that Sunday afternoon. Please pray for her and her daughter. She has a lot to overcome in her life and in need of much spiritual, physical, and emotional healing. We finished the Sunday service off with two baptisms for two faithful ladies in our Church whose names are Hilda and Yanis. These two ladies have been such a blessing to our Church since they first came. God has worked through them greatly in helping the work here to grow. Please pray for their spiritual growth and that God would help us as we teach and disciple our Church. We are currently going through messages on the basics of Christian living, and it is wonderful to see the growth in individuals lives here at Iglesia Bautista Emanuel. The move to the backside of the house for our services has suited our services well. We have a “Friend Day” planned for the end of August. Please pray that God continues to give fruit through our Church ministry outreaches. I have had some ask how Rojelia has been doing. She has been coming with her son to Church and recently her daughter came with her two children. Please pray that God continue to give us wisdom as we minister to this family, and that the Lord would work in their lives. Here recently, God has brought us into contact with a number of people who are hurting and in great need spiritually. Please pray that God opens their hearts to receive the truth that will make them free. Pray for us, brethren, as we continue to pray for you. 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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