

THE *Prater* FAMILY

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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

April - May 2026

“But that ye may know my affairs, and how I do...” (Ephesians 6:21). We are blessed. It is amazing to watch God work and how He cares for us in every matter. Our family had a wonderful trip to the U.S. We were able to stay with my dad, spend time with family, and we were able to spend time at our home Church. We are grateful that the Lord worked it all out for us to be able to do that. We were able to fly in (all eight of us) without paying for tickets by using our airline miles. One of our supporting Churches provided us a vehicle to use while in the states. God took care of all our needs! Our Church in the D.R. was well cared for while we were away by Pastor Jake and sister Joy. Brother Jake had even mentioned that we have had a new visitor while we have been away whose name is Yuli. Please pray that God would work in her life, and that God would help us to minister to her spiritual needs. Jake and Joy were here for our Sunday services, and I held virtual meetings with our Church on Wednesday evenings. We arrived safely back early on Wednesday morning, June 3rd. Thank you to everyone who prayed for our safety and travels. Before we took off on our trip to the U.S., in the month of April we had some very severe rains. We were constantly in a red alert here in Puerto Plata, and most said that the floods were the worst they had ever seen in their lifetime. The streets filled with water, and one area of Puerto Plata was greatly affected which is called Monte Llano. There, the river rose up several feet above the banks going into the neighboring towns and rising up to the doorposts on some of the houses. During the middle of the night, people were having to leave their homes to get to their rooftops or to reach higher ground. The following days, the houses and streets were filled with so much mud.

Many of the people's possessions were swept away by the river, and many of the people of Monte Llano had some of their belongings (which had been left after the floods) outside on the street, cleaning them, and even pressure washing their bed mattresses. It was a sad situation. But it was a moment when we could do something as a Church. So, we as a Church gathered donations and took them to the people in need handing them a gospel tract along with a bag of food/necessities. It was wonderful to see our people representing Christ and showing His love to our community here. A prayer request that I had given in our last prayer letter was to pray for the man that Paola (the lady that recently got saved) has been with for many years whose name is Paolino. I had also mentioned the meeting we would have with a supporting Pastor who would be preaching for us April 22nd. God answered many prayers that night. Our plan was to give a bag of rice to every person that attended service that evening. We had over one hundred in attendance. We had more than what we expected and Brittany had to leave during service to go buy more rice! It was my first time translating a message for another preacher. But God helped everything to go well, the Pastor preached a message on salvation, and four people received Christ as their Saviour that night. The amazing thing is that I had posted our prayer letter at the beginning of April and almost three weeks later, God answered a prayer request because Paolino got saved! Paola had invited her sister to come to Church that night as well, and she was another one that got saved. Praise the Lord! Her name is Yisel. Please be in prayer for this family and that God would help them to grow in their newly started relationships with Him. Our ladies' activity in April went very well with a great turnout and was a very encouraging, enjoyable, and uniting time for our ladies. Please be in prayer for a men's meeting we will be having July 25th. We are so grateful to the Lord for what He is doing, and we are excited to be back serving Him at our Church. Please keep all these things in your prayers. You all are continually in our prayers. We love you and praise God for you all.

In Jesus' Name,

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Enoch, Silas, Jude, John, Ezra, and Azariah



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