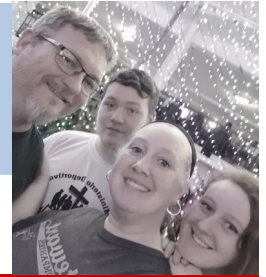




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MINISTRY UNDER THE MANGO TREE!

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After several months of not being able to hold services in La Canela, due to strict curfews and Covid-19 restrictions, we are excited to announce that we are once again meeting under the mango tree on Sunday afternoons! What a blessing to worship God with our dear brothers and sisters once again. We were also pleased to see several of the families that received food donations join us these last two Sundays. Tuesday night evangelistic home Bible studies will also be resuming in the next few weeks. Because of your faithful prayer and support, we can see God at work. Please continue to pray for La Canela.

In our last prayer letter we mentioned the need for a lean-to in La Canela, and we received a few donations for that. Thank you! However, we decided to hold off on the lean-to because one of our supporting churches has expressed interest in helping us purchase a property of our own instead of investing in a lean-to on borrowed property. Please pray for us as we trust God to lead us to the property He has for the church in La Canela.

Thanks to you, we also have been able to continue providing food for many of the families in La Canela that have been financially impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. This has been a great tool for sharing the love of Christ and establishing new relationships in a community that has great physical and spiritual need. We would like to continue this outreach, however, the funds available are running low. If you would like to help us continue this outreach you can find more information on our website. www.koinonosdr.com



PASTOR / CHURCH PLANTER TRAINING

One of the greatest challenges our churches face is the lack of quality options for formal theological training. They once had a seminary but it was shut down over 20 years ago due to lack of resources. We have decided to partner with "Bible Training Centre for Pastors" to set up a program for providing on the job ministry and theological training for pastors and church planters. This will all be done through the ministry of the local churches and will be led and taught by experienced and qualified Dominican pastors. Dan will be participating in online training for this program on October 20-21. Once he completes the certification program, he can begin certifying and training Dominican pastors to teach these courses. BTCP's materials are available in 34 languages and are being used in over 100 countries to train local pastors and church leaders. This will be a practical resource they can continue to use to train their own pastors, church planters, and lay leaders for generations to come.

FAMILY UPDATE

Dan

Dan continues to work closely with a key group of Dominican pastors in setting up our new Dominican mission board, establishing a program for training church planters, and assisting in the church planting ministry. He also continues to serve as an advisor to the leadership of the Jacagua Church and has maintained a pretty busy preaching schedule, which is one aspect of the ministry that he loves. He will be flying up to Pennsylvania October 22-31 in order to renew his PA license (has to be renewed in person because he has a CDL). He looks forward to spending time with some family, friends, and supporters during his brief visit. Though he will not be able to see everyone, those in the local area are welcome to come to Tipton Baptist Church on Sunday, October 25, during the morning service, where Dan will be sharing an update on the ministry and preaching. He also hopes to

Barbara

Barbara has continued to work on her language acquisition as well as taking a small break from teaching...until now. Barbara had stepped down from Oasis as a teacher and with all that is going on with Covid-19, they did not have a position for her for this school term. However, one of her coworkers is due to have a baby in November, and Oasis has asked her to please come back and teach 3rd grade!! This will be a new experience for her, and she is very excited about the ministry opportunity. It is only for 4 months, but her prayer is that she will have a great impact on the lives of those students and their families. Barbara has also started a tutoring program out of our home, where Natalia and her friend Kayla are working daily helping students whose parents are working during their child's school time, and the children need 1 on 1 assistance in their school work.

Barbara has also been involved in the ministry in La Canela. She has helped to teach women's Bible studies that occur every other Saturday evening. Please pray for God to continue to work in the hearts of these ladies.

Natalia

Natalia has been very busy with tutoring and teaching English as a second language. She also has been working on completing a TEFL certification that will certify her to teach English as a Second Language (ESL). She has one student that she is working with on a daily basis, and that is the son of our neighbor! What an opportunity to continue to minister to and reach out to this family! She is also applying to several colleges in the States to further her studies in Education. Please pray for wisdom and guidance as to which school God would have her to attend. She is also to FINALLY have her official graduation ceremony in December! They are narrowing down dates now!

Noah

Noah continues to work on finishing his high school career via Christian Academy of America online. He should be finished with his schooling around January! He has been working really hard at completing early. He is undecided at this point on what he is going to do for the future. He plans on working for a family friend for at least a year before heading off to further his training/studies. Please pray for wisdom in following God's plans for his future.

Thank you all for your continuous love, prayers, and support as God is using us to be His instruments here in the Dominican. May God bless each of you!

In His Service,

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Prayer Requests:

- Completion of permanent residencies for Barbara & kids
- Language acquisition and cultural adjustment for Barbara & kids
- Spiritual guidance for our family & ministry
- Church planting team and ministry in La Canela and Mao
- Provision of property in La Canela
- Pastor / Church Planter Training Program
- Provision of support for new church planting families
- Provision for approximately \$300 / month in lost ministry support since March