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"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord..."

With hearts full of praise, we are happy to report how God is working here in the Dominican Republic! We have seen God moving in the midst, amongst the trials and tribulations that come with living in a third-world country. God has been moving in La Canela through Soccer Clinics, Basketball Tournaments and a Referee Training where the Gospel was shared with over 100 people. There are currently 3 weekly Bible studies in La Canela, (that is, when they are not rained out!) and our new involvement in the Jacagua Church. We are excited to see Natalia and Noah getting involved in different aspects here too! Dan was also able to go to the States in September to share with 5 of our supporting churches! And even better news will be shared later on in this letter!

La Canela

The team in La Canela continues to seek every opportunity to share the love of Christ with the community. In September, we were able to run a soccer clinic with the help of a small team from Madison Avenue Baptist Church, of Patterson NJ. In October, we organized a basketball tournament along with an intensive 4-day training for basketball referees with the help of a friend from college and his brother who is an NCAA referee. Both of these activities allowed us to share the gospel with well over 100 young people in the community. Sports are great avenues to reach the youth and we look forward to continued outreach to the youth in La Canela through sports.

We currently have several weekly home Bible studies on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. Please continue to pray for more workers as the harvest truly is great in this community.

Jacagua

The Jacagua Church was the first church Dan's parents planted in the Dominican Republic. They have had some struggles in recent years and have asked for our help. Dan is helping out with the leadership of the church and preaching twice a month. We will also be helping out with the youth group on Saturday nights. Not only is this helping the church out, but Natalia and Noah are getting more involved, which is very exciting! Please pray for the youth group that meets Saturday nights from 7:30-9pm!









Family News

We have also been very busy as a family! And our exciting news, for those who may not have heard already, DAN RECEIVED HIS RESIDENCY!! Praise God! Now, we are waiting to hear about residency for the rest of the family! Please pray that the process for them is not as long as it was for Dan's.

Barbara has also been busy with not just things at home, but at her job as well! She has 19 wonderful K5 students that keep her on her toes! As well as 17 (4th and 5th grade) ESL students. It has its challenges, but she would say it is very rewarding! She is also tutoring 3 other little girls 3 times a week in ESL. It is very exciting to see them excited about learning English! She has lead devotions for her fellow staff members a few times as well as led music in chapel for the primary level. During one chapel, the children were even blessed to have Natalia come and play guitar for them on her day off of school! It was sweet and full of precious time!

Please continue to pray for Barbara and her health as well as the health of her students! The month of October was full of children with high fevers, pneumonia, bronchitis, colds, etc. Praise God that since her surgery in July, Barbara has not had any illness at all! Usually by now she has been plagued with sinus infection after sinus infection! God is so good!





Noah's News:

Noah has been busy acclimating to his new school! This year he has chosen to attend Oasis Christian School where Barbara teaches. He loves it there! He has a small class, and the teachers are amazing! They are really working with him in all areas academically, especially in Spanish! So far this year he has helped out with things such as Family fun day! He is going to be headed out on a class Bible retreat in November. Here is a picture of him helping hang up signs to direct people to his class's room to do

some gaming!!
Please continue
to pray for his
learning and
guidance for
the future as
he is set to
graduate next
year!!



Notices from Natalia:

Well, the dreaded year has come as she is officially a senior and praying and planning for her future! She is very busy at Santiago Christian School where she is involved with Chapel Band, Advanced Choir, TNL, Dance Club, and her newest adventure has her starring with fellow classmates as Fionna (Ogre form) and Momma Ogre in the musical production of Shrek Jr!! She has also been working with an Orphanage school through her Bible class, which has been a blessing to her.



We are certainly blessed to be used by God to witness and minister to the precious people of the Dominican Republic. We could not do this without each of you! You are such an important part of the ministry here! We thank you so much for all you do! Happy Thanksgiving and Blessed Holidays!!!

In HIS Service,

Daniel, Barbara, Natalia and Noah Woodring

Prayer Requests:

- Completion of permanent residencies.
- Language acquisition and cultural adjustment for Barbara & kids.
- Spiritual guidance for our family & ministry.
- Church planting team and ministry in La Canela.
- Deepening relationships with business people Dan is working with.
- \$100 / Month support still lacking for this ministry.
- Team members for new church plant in 2020.
- Potential future ministry to pregnant teens and unwed mothers.
- For God's Word to permeate through the hearts of those who hear the Gospel during the holidays.