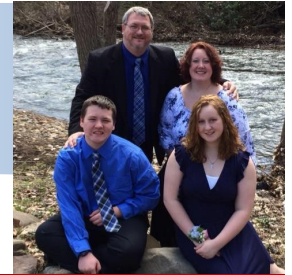




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GOD CONTINUES TO OPEN DOORS!!!

Though it may not be visible from the outside looking in, those with the high fences, big houses, and luxury cars, are often the ones with the greatest needs.

God provided a house for us to rent in a small gated community on the outskirts of the city of Santiago. We believe living here is a divine appointment, as God led us to this house in a miraculous way and provided it at a fraction of it's rental value. Our house is one of only 8 homes in the development, and every single one of the homeowners is an influential business owner.

We have been praying for God to open doors to minister to our neighbors, who live very private lives, and have been searching for ways to build relationships with them. Every Christmas we bake cookies and distribute them to our neighbors in an attempt to share God's love and reach out to them.

January 4th, the son of one of our neighbors had a serious accident in which God miraculously spared his life. They reached out to us for help during this difficult time and we were able to be there to comfort and support them. Since that time, we have developed a growing relationship and they actually came with us to church on Sunday!

Two Saturdays ago, another set of neighbors invited us to a formal diner party in their home. Though this was an extravagant party and not the type of event we usually attend, we felt it was necessary to accept the invitation as we seek to build bridges into their lives. At the party, our neighbors expressed much gratitude with our presence and told us that they would like to build a relationship with us.

Please pray as God opens doors for us to minister to individuals that most missionaries never have the opportunity to reach.

EVANGELISM TRAINING

Dan recently started a 5 week personal evangelism training course with one of the Santiago churches. As part of the training they go out into the community and do spiritual surveys which are then followed up by a four week evangelistic bible study with those who are interested.

For the very first time in their lives, these believers are going out into the community and sharing the gospel and are thrilled with what God is doing in their midst. Five other churches are now interested in having him come and help equip their members as well.



LA CANELA CHURCH PLANTING TEAM

We continue with our Tuesday night bible study in La Canela. However, we have temporarily suspended our Sunday afternoon outreach into the community because of a lack of workers. We started this outreach with a team of 4 couples, however, due to various reasons all but one of the couples have dropped out of the team.

Those of us left on the team have decided to focus on identifying, recruiting, and training a new team to help us with the work in La Canela. These evangelism training classes in the local churches are part of that strategy. We are not only looking to equip believers to share the gospel in their own communities, but also inviting some of them to come work alongside us in La Canela and future church plant endeavors. Our goal continues to be to motivate and equip the Dominican church to do the work, not to do the work for them. Often, doing work yourself is the easy way out but not the best long-term strategy.

FAMILY UPDATE

The past eighteen months has been a time of tremendous growth for our family. We have experienced many new adventures and challenges along the way. Life is very different and sometimes difficult in the Dominican Republic, but we are proud of how our children have adapted despite many hardships.

Your prayers have sustained us every step of the way and we covet your continued prayers as we face new challenges and transitions in the months ahead.



Dan continues to seek God's direction in the area of business, which has developed much slower than anticipated. We continue to trust God's timing and provision knowing that He has the ultimate plan and will reveal it in His timing. Our goal remains to eventually be self-supported on the field, allowing all missionary support to go directly to the ministry in the Dominican Republic.

As the end of the school year draws near, Barbara is prayerfully considering what God would have her do next year. She loves her students and co-workers at Oasis Christian School, but is weighing several options for next year.

Natalia is a Senior and will be graduating in May. She will be going back to the U.S. this summer to work, but is planning to return to the D.R. and study online. The course she is planning to take will allow her to do most of her studies from the D.R. and go to the U.S. for two externships.

Noah is a Junior and will have his first full-time job this summer. He is excited about this opportunity to earn some money and work experience. He is also contemplating staying in the D.R. after graduation and this job may have good long-term potential for him as well.

We can only do what we do because of you. You have supported us, you have prayed for us, and you have encouraged us every step of the way. We are eternally grateful for each and every one of you and continually thank the Lord for 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.
- Evangelism training classes in the local churches.
- Deepening relationships with business people Dan is working with.
- Continued open doors to build relationships with neighbors.
- Work team from Woodcock Valley Bible Church that will be here March 14-21.