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FAMILY NEWS

Barbara

As many of you may have heard, Barbara developed a serious sinus infection and had to have surgery in May. The private insurance we purchased for her would not cover any of the expenses because it has a 6 month exclusion period. Thanks to God's provision, which included gifts from some of you, and even Dominican churches, 100% of the expenses were covered!

She has recovered well from the sinus surgery, but will need oral surgery as well due to the fact that the infection originated from a root canal she had done in the U.S. 5 years ago that is still infected. The molar will need to be extracted, the infected bone around cut out, and a bone graft put in. Once again, God has miraculously provided in that our Koinonos team member, Dr. Jhonny Rodriguez, is willing to fly down from New Jersey to perform the surgery. We will only need to cover his airfare, incidental expenses and materials related to the surgery, which will save us thousands of dollars.

The oral surgery is scheduled for Friday August 2, so please continue to pray for her health.

Barbara will also be transitioning to teaching Kindergarten and ESL classes at Oasis Christian School this next school year. Please pray that God would use her in the lives of these students, their families, and for her ongoing cultural and language adjustment as she balances work, ministry, & family.

Natalia & Noah

The kids have continued their cultural adjustment and language study this summer, as well as helping out in the ministry.





Along with two young ladies from Grace Baptist Church of Tyrone, Olivia and Victoria, they worked alongside the leaders of the Jacagua Church to organize and run a VBS program for over 70 children. Our kids were in charge of puppets, crafts, games, and snacks, while the Dominicans taught the lessons. It is such a blessing to see our children engaging with the Dominicans and getting involved in ministry.

Natalia will be entering her senior year at Santiago Christian school in August and Noah will be attending Oasis Christian School, where Barb is teaching, and will be entering his Junior year. They are both such a blessing to us!

Dan

Dan continues to partner with the Dominican Church leaders as they seek to fulfill the great commission. He is also continuing to develop contacts and building relationships with business people in the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico, through his role as an independent sales representative for Allegheny York Company. The business side of things has developed much slower than originally anticipated, but our goal remains to reach the point where we can live off of the business income and transfer our ministry support to Dominican church planters and missionaries.

MINISTRY NEWS



Jose, Marcela, Caleb, & Ozías

Huge Answer to Prayer!

Previously we asked you to pray for God to raise up a Dominican family that the churches we work with could financially support and assist in planting churches in the Northern region of the Dominican Republic. I am please to introduce the Benitez family, our first full-time Dominican church planters, fully supported by the Dominican church. Jose and Marcela are graduates of Word of Life Bible Institute in Argentina, have church planting experience, and have a passion to see every town in the Northeastern region of the Dominican Republic reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ and with a doctrinally sound church. They are part of our church planting team in La Canela and are also beginning evangelistic bible studies in their town of Mao.

Though their monthly support is being provided by the Dominican Churches, there is one big need they still have. The Benitez family needs a reliable vehicle that would allow them to travel between Mao and La Canela. Both are rural areas that are 45 minutes apart with no reliable public transportation between them. Currently, they take an hour bus ride from Mao to Santiago, where Dan picks them up, followed by a 45 minute drive to La Canela. They do this every Sunday and Tuesday, which has become burdensome for them both from a financial and time perspective. They would be able to purchase a reliable vehicle for about \$5,000 US dollars. If God would lay it on your heart to assist the Benitez family with this need, please contact us.



La Canela Church Planting Team

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God has provided a wonderful team for the church planting effort in La Canela, however, we still need additional help with evangelistic bible studies and discipleship. Please pray that God would call more laborers to this harvest field.

We had to change our strategy in La Canela because the original group we began having services with was not fully committed, so we decided to stop having the Sunday afternoon service and concentrate our efforts on evangelistic home bible studies and discipleship until there is a core group of committed believers.



Pastor Aaron Jeffery of Grace Baptist Church of Tyrone, and Koinonos Board member, taught a 3 day leadership training seminar in the month of June. Over 60 leaders from 15 churches participated in this training.



On July 7th a joint service was held with members from all 18 churches that are working together in this church planting effort. Dad was the guest speaker and over 1,000 people were present. PTL!

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.
- \$5,000 needed to help the Benitez family purchase a vehicle for the church planting ministry.
- Team members for new church plant in 2020.
- Potential future ministry to pregnant teens and unwed mothers.