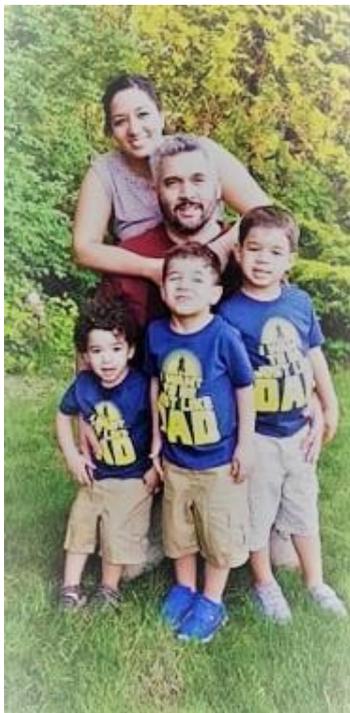


The Rodríguez Family...



“And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.”
-1 Peter 5:10



Our heavenly Father has been faithful to us. As He did for the exiles of the dispersion in 1 Peter, after a time of uncertainty and tribulation, He has restored us, confirmed His calling and made us stronger. Now we are ready to find the stability that He gives as we continue to prepare for the ministry that God called us to do in the Dominican Republic.

We thank God for His care and provision while we are in Paterson, NJ. We also thank God for working in our lives through His body.

Please let us share with you what is going on with us as we serve in Paterson, NJ, while we raise support to go back to serve full time in the Dominican Republic.

For more info about our ministry please go to:
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CHURCH: What a better place for us to spend this season than in **Paterson, NJ**. With a very diverse population of more than 45% Hispanics, we have a great opportunity to spend our time here reaching out to Hispanics and other nationalities. We have found a home at **Madison Avenue Baptist Church**, a multicultural church, where God has given us the opportunity to find brothers and sisters to worship with and to grow alongside of them. Right now, Jhonny is leading worship there in a multicultural

environment: a great challenge, and a great responsibility. Vanessa is getting more involved with the children's ministry there as she volunteers for Sunday school and VBS. Our kids love going to church and spending time with other kids that are now becoming their friends.

WORK: While here, Jhonny has found a great opportunity working as a dental instructor at a college in Clifton, NJ. This is more than just a way to bring bread to the table but is also an opportunity to build relationships with a lot of people from Paterson who go to that school. As he teaches, he is exposed to their issues and needs. In the meantime, Vanessa is home with the kids and is available to serve Jhonny's



students and their children. She has been able to show them the love of Christ by watching their children when they didn't have a babysitter. Yes, a lot of them are single mothers with 2 or 3 kids, whose father is in jail or just not a part of the family. Babysitting these children has opened the door on several occasions, to bring the kids and moms to church with us. Please pray for this opportunity and for God to give us wisdom while we are there for these young people.



MISSIONS: Earlier this year Jhonny and Juan Arturo, the oldest at only 5 years old, had the opportunity to go and serve together as they both lead 2 groups to the DR. They worked along fellow Koinonos missionaries, the Woodring's, as they partner with churches in different communities. We had the privilege of hosting a group of firefighters from Oregon in the missionary house in Jacagua after a group from Servant Hands did a lot of work to finish our first dorm, which is now capable of hosting 24 people: 12 boys and 12 girls. We also hosted a group of dentists and dental students from UNC. We are so bless to have them partner with us every year.



Right now, we are preparing to bring our first group of soccer players to serve in La Canela and Santiago. For the last 5 years, Soccer has been the fastest growing sport in the DR, and we believe it is an awesome tool for us to



reach out to kids and their parents. Pictured is a group of kids who were playing soccer in La Canela during our dental clinic there last March. We also have confirmation of both the Oregon firefighters and the UNC dental groups for February and March next year.

PAPERWORK: At the beginning of this year, God provided a miracle when Jhonny received his US citizenship in less than a month. Now we wait for another miracle. After being misinformed by Immigration attorneys, we were under the impression that the kids' application and Vanessa's could be done simultaneously. Well, it happens that all 4 of them need separate applications and to pay separate fees. One church in PA was very generous in providing enough money for us to be able to submit Vanessa's paperwork. Please pray for her paperwork to process fast and smoothly as that will at least protect our kids until we get their paperwork submitted.

FINANCES: Our first goal is to raise 50% of needed monthly support to cover ministry expenses, while Jhonny continues to work to provide for the family's personal needs. So far, God has provided US\$500 of the US\$2,500 needed to reach this goal. These funds would allow us to continue to pay for and develop the property in Jacagua, cover expenses of regular travel to the Dominican Republic for ministry, as we continue to raise the remainder of the needed support.

PROJECTS:

a) Jacagua Missionary House:



3 Years ago god provided the opportunity for us to buy a lot and start building a house that will be capable of hosting 60 people once it is done. The first dorm is now finished thanks to many people and groups who gave or worked to accomplish our first goal. In March we had the opportunity to host 2 groups of 10 to 12 people each. The monthly commitment for the Lot is US\$1,550.00 and this is part of the 50% of the support we need. Our soccer group in Sept will be staying in the Missionary House making it possible for us to go and serve at a lower cost for the group.



b) Cien Fuegos Bible church Dental Clinic:

Since 2013 God has given us the privilege to partner with “Iglesia Biblica Cristiana de Cien fuegos” Pastored by Pr. Gumersindo, a man who has been a mentor and encourager to us for more than 15yrs. The church have been using health as a ministry for their community for the las 5yrs. we had the opportunity to give them the first dental chair we ever had, a few counters and a few instruments and materials for both their dental and medical clinic. When we go there, Dr. Jhonny is going to continue to partner by providing dental care alongside Dr. Fabiola and her husband.



c) MINIPEVID Dental Clinic:



During our last trip in March 2019 we were able to leave a donation of a dental chair at the Life Pediatric Ministry (MiNIPEVID in Spanish). We took that chair there while a group of Dental students were working with us in the community of Guazumal, Tamboril, not too far from Santiago. New Life Baptist church has a medical ministry for kids as a church planting strategy. God has allowed us to partner with them since before they started and now we are committed to help them complete the installation of their dental area. Hundreds of kids and their families will be benefit from it, not only physically but also spiritually as this church uses health as a strategy to share the love and compassion of Christ.

d) La Villa Bible Church Dental Clinic:



We consider this church our mother church. Both, Jhonny and Vanessa came to Christ in it, did ministry for the first time in it, met each other here and made lots of friends, borthers and sisters that have always been there for us. 10 years ago Jhonny shared the vision of using medical/dental ministry but the church wasn't ready to grasp the idea back then. Now, 10yrs later but convicted by the holy spirit, the church is building a new space to add to the building that they will be using so that Dr. Madelin can serve full time as a dentist. Back then Madelin was just a teenager who used to volunteer with our Smiles of faith Dental outreach. As she was exposed to the great need, she went to dental school and became the dentist she is now. We are also going to be working hard alongside of Dr. Madelin to help La Villa Bible Church as they provide Dental services in that community.

e) La Canela Church Planting:



We continue to use health to impact the community of La Canela, 2 yrs ago we started building relationships in this town. Several Medical and dental clinics have been held there. Many have come to Christ. After we left we moved from a weekly Bible study to 4 Churches in the City of Santiago Partnering and looking at La Canela as their Mission field.

Our desire is to be able to go back to La Canela and train Health promotes, Evangelise them, Disciple them, train them and send them.



How to get involved:

PRAY:

-For our time here in the states. We know God has given us a temporary home here. We want God to allow us to be patient as we wait.

-Please pray for all the projects we mention before. Especially pray the financial need of the Jacagua Missionary House. This will be our home moving back to the DR.

-Pray for health for the Family, especially for the kids as they start school here in Paterson NJ This Sept.

-Please pray for our Soccer trip coming late August. This is our first Mission trip full organize by Johnny States side.

GO:

We are looking for opportunities for short Term Missions trip partners. We need Construction groups for our Jacagua Missionary House to complete the 60% of the project. We need Sports teams, specially Soccer and basketball. We need VBS groups to come alongside of the Bible churches as they reach out to the children in Jacagua and La Canela.

GIVE:

-Go to: <https://koinonosdr.com/about/rodriguez-family.html>

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-Scroll down to the "Click and give Logo and click on it.

-Create a new account with Central Missionary Clearance House.

This is the ministry that manages all the finances and provides accountability to all Koinonos Missionaries and hundreds of missionaries worldwide.

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