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**What is, what was, and what is to come...**

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**WHAT IS...Hato Mayor (new church plant)**

The goodness of God can be so overwhelming!! We are EXCITED to see how God is working and raising up the Dominican believers to reach their own! In the services in Hato Mayor, people are excited and engaged in reaching others in their own community! We have new visitors almost every Sunday and are seeing people turn to the Lord for their salvation! The Dominican people are excited and ready to keep this new church running!!

**La Canela**

The work in La Canela is still a struggle, but God IS working in the hearts of the faithful few believers there. The ladies are being discipled by Barbara and Josefina, one of our teammates. The new believers are hungry to learn more about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and to grow in their faith. One of the key ladies in the group recently took on a job in the city of Santiago, and is not able to be there for the Bible study, which has had an impact on the group. Ladies have stopped coming because she is no longer able to attend. Her property is where we meet. However, the other faithful ladies and children still come. Please join us in prayer for the ministry in La Canela. God is working...all in HIS timing.



**WHAT WAS...**

As you are all aware of, God's plans for us were to be here to help raise up the Dominican church to reach their own through evangelism and discipleship. AND GOD IS DOING JUST THAT!!! We are so blessed to have been a part of this ongoing process and to seeing the hand of God working in ways far beyond what we could have imagined! When we came here, we came on faith. Faith that God would help Dan to grow in the business aspect to allow us to live off of the funds he received for his work, while we would give as much of our ministerial support to the Dominican church and missionaries to help them in training and furthering the Gospel. God has been so good, and provided all of our needs, sometimes in miraculous ways far above what we could have ever imaged. However, God .

Yes, we leave that as a complete sentence. God. God, who orchestrates all things and has complete control of our lives (if we allow Him to work in such a way), sometimes reroutes what we thought was for the best...what the ultimate plans were/are...and pulls out the rug from under us, to show us HIS strength, HIS will, HIS ways. And we are now standing in awe of what He is doing in us and through us. What does that mean? What more could God possibly be doing??? Flip this over!

## WHAT IS TO COME?

So, as mentioned on the front of this newsletter, we gave a tiny hint as to what is going on. Great news is, is that we are still in the process of learning that! But honestly, we have seen God showing us very clearly that we are to return to the States for an undetermined amount of time beginning in August. Why, you may ask? Part of it is, to raise funds. Yes, God has provided for us in amazing ways, but due to people no longer being able to send support, people passing away, etc, we have lost about 1/4 of the monthly support we had coming here. Also, Dan is no longer able to represent the US company he was working for due to a change in structure and philosophy that differs from the original terms. All of this to say, we are heading y'all's way for a while to see how God raises the funds we need to be able to continue the ministry here in the Dominican. We are lacking half of the monthly funds necessary for us to be able to live and minister here. Over half of our current support is committed to ministries here in the Dominican Republic and we plan, with God's provision, to continue fulfilling those commitments. Therefore, going back to the US to raise support is our only option at this time. There is so much written between those lines, and if you want to get together to find out more of what is going on, what the plans are, etc., please feel free to reach out to us and we can get together to talk about it all. Are we going to abandon and leave the Dominicans high and dry? Nope. But God is working on revealing HIS perfect plans for us and the ministry....and YOU can continue to be part of it or become part of it!

### Barbara's Babblings

I know that your mind might feel like a whirlwind of thoughts...our are too! But we have seen how God is orchestrating every single detail in what we are going through! When you sit back, and allow God to orchestrate everything, a peace that passes all understanding will comfort you. These circumstances came at no surprise to God...He is writing every page of our story.

This year, that is the exact theme I am focusing on in my life...allowing GOD to write my story, and doing my best not to try to take back the pen!!! Not always easy, that's for sure. But when we are still and allow Him to show His perfect plans...we can sit back, in amazement, of how He is completing His perfect will. Has it always been easy? Not a chance. I've been overwhelmed. I've been scared. I have been absolutely 1000000% confused at times. However, I have practiced a pause and have chosen to be still, and allow HIM to work. And let me tell you, it has been amazing.

Natalia is still at Cairn University, working and studying. She was able to be part of the school's musical production of South Pacific, where she had a support role and rocked it! (from what I have been told, haha). Please continue to pray for her as she wraps up her sophomore year at Cairn. She has finals the first week of May. She will be returning to the Bellwood area this summer to work to pay for college. Also, please pray for the funds she needs to continue there. Even with scholarships, it has been a hefty price.

Noah has continued to work, and was accepted in to the Welding program at the Altoona Area Vo Tech. He will begin there in August! He has adopted a precious pup named Zoro, who has been a great companion for him. He continues to be involved at Tipton Baptist Church. Please continue to pray for him as well.

We thank you for joining us in this journey! We know that God is continuing to write our story and ministry for His honor and glory! Please feel free to reach out to us and we would love it get together and share even more of what God is doing. 1 page front and back is never enough!!

May God bless each of you. May we glorify His Name. TRUST AND OBEY!

In Christ,

Dan and Barbara Woodring

Proverbs 3: 5 &6



#### PRAISES:

- Amazing time with fellow missionaries at a retreat this past weekend
- God working out all of the details of our lives
- The work in our new church plant in Hato Mayor, which is the example we/they will be following in future church plants
- For the Dominicans who are rising up to take the mantle to reach their fellow man

#### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Provision of funds needed in the ministry
- Hato Mayor/La Canela
- God's plan and will to be completely revealed in His perfect timing
- Personal needs
- For Natalia and Noah...direction and God's will in their lives
- 3 work teams coming this summer