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Missionaries to Dominican Republic

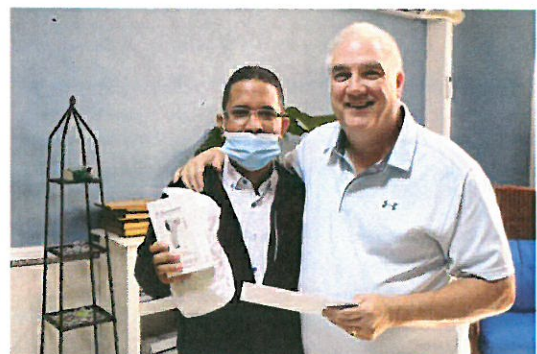
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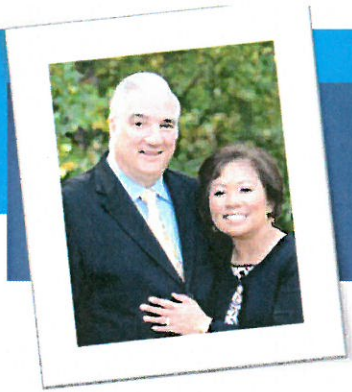
December 2020

The work of God continues to press forward in the Dominican Republic. We are constantly adjusting and modifying our different programs within the church, Bible institute, and Christian school to better serve our people. I have to say, even though there seems to be a lot of additional work, there are also a lot of new blessings that have followed these difficult times. Our many Zoom meetings have had great and growing attendance. Also, our Sunday Morning Service is doing well. God has blessed us with 8 new families this year. We are grateful for all He is doing for New Life Baptist Church.

Planning the Christmas activities this year was a new ballgame. Our ladies Christmas Banquet was limited this year to only members of the church. There was also only one cook for the meal this year, even though the menu was extensive: turkey, ham, bacon and sausage pasta, potato salad, shrimp salad, mixed vegetables, Hawaiian rolls, chocolate cake and vanilla ice cream. I thought I would never finish, but I had great joy in preparing this special meal for our ladies.

Our National Pastor's Christmas was a tremendous success this year. God touched a few individuals and churches to help with our Pastors' needs that went beyond that of previous years. Each pastor received enough food and offering to sustain their families for about 6 weeks. God sent a blessing that overflowed to us all! We are preparing to assist them again in February and March, as many are facing great needs for food, medications, and bills. One expense that all our Pastors have faced is internet charges to conduct church services from their home. Many of our Pastors had no need for internet at their homes before Covid-19. We are happy to report that not only have none of the Dominican churches had to close during these difficult days, but God has helped us to start two new ones during 2020! If you desire to help these men financially, funds can be sent to BIMI, Acct: 826, Pastor Covid-19 Relief.





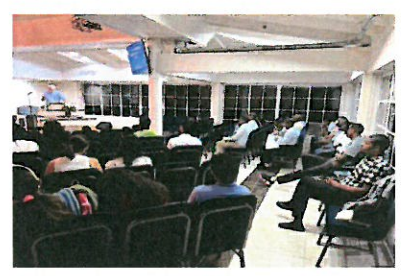
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October 2022

It is my pleasure once again to share with our co-laborers all the happening in the Dominican Republic.

First, I would like to share with you about the great Soul Winning Conferences we had in Santo Domingo and Constanza. In order to be better equipped to reach others for Christ, we brought the national leaders together for soul winning training. The classes lasted for three days in each location and many of our church leaders were able to attend the training sessions. Pray that God will continue to bless our efforts as we prepare people to win the lost at all cost. May we see the value of each soul through the eyes of Christ! This is our primary goal as we do God's work in this country!



Also, we were privileged to help families at a Children's Hospital by bringing personal items that they need on a daily basis and to share the gospel with parents who were there with young children. We thank God for the opportunity to share His message while encouraging these families during a difficult time. Please pray for them as they face many difficulties while trying to care for a sick child. Pray that we will be able to continue this ministry of sharing His Word and being a small help in meeting the needs of these families.



We were also able to visit again the boy's orphanage to bring food and various items that our church members provided and are thankful for the opportunity to be an encouragement to these young orphans. We shared God's Word and encouraged them to allow the Lord to have a part in their lives. These young boys suffer many things in their lives and we want to be a blessing and encouragement to them. We are preparing now for our next visit to the orphanage during Christmas to bring food and gifts for each boy. Pray for us as we endeavor to be a blessing to these children in the days to come.



We thank God for your prayers and support that enable us to continue doing ministry in the Dominican Republic. We ask that God richly bless you for partnering with us as we strive to reach many for His kingdom.

Sincerely,

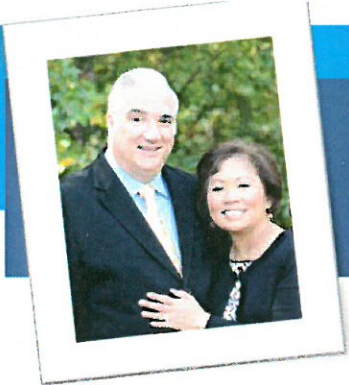
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These links are our latest Update and Coming Events in the DR for Christmas!

<https://youtu.be/QUm3607Go6U> orphanage

<https://youtu.be/VMNMyAYU9f8> Hospital

https://youtu.be/pLu_zzAlkA National Pastors Christmas



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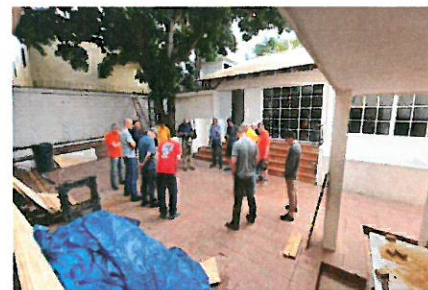
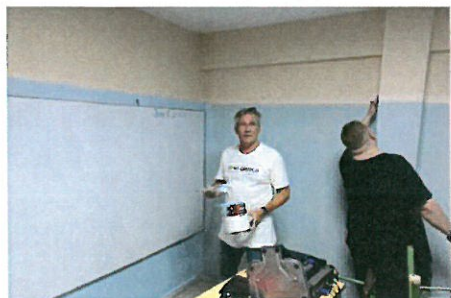
July 5, 2022

Mission Update:

We have had leaks in the roof at New Life Baptist Church for the past 4 years. In the beginning they were small, but as time went on, leaks after the hurricane season became bigger and harder to patch. Due to Covid-19 and all the travel measures being taken by the government of the Dominican Republic, we were unable to get a group to come for a roof replacement until recently. We are glad to report that a team from IBBI came to help us reroof the church last month. The team consisted of 12 men from 4 churches in the States - Mikado Baptist in Macon, GA (our home church), Berean Baptist in Lilburn, GA, Bible Baptist in Hamilton, GA and Tabernacle Baptist in Tiger, GA.



Not only were we able to reroof the church, we were also able to paint or touch up all the classrooms for the coming year. In addition, we replaced all the sound system cables and put in a new Wi-Fi camera system. It was great to see our Nationals quickly joining in to work with the group the Lord brought together to address these great needs of New Life Baptist Church.



Hebrews 13:21 says, "Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." We thank God for all opportunities to be pleasing in His sight and give him glory. I believe the Spirit was very strongly in our midst the entire week. We were all blessed by our nightly Bible Studies, a time of prayer each day, and the great meals prepared by Brother Larry, but it was the kindred Spirit of Christ throughout the week that allowed us to complete the task given.



We thank you, Lord, for all those who donated funds and took time from their jobs to sacrifice for your work at New Life Baptist Church.

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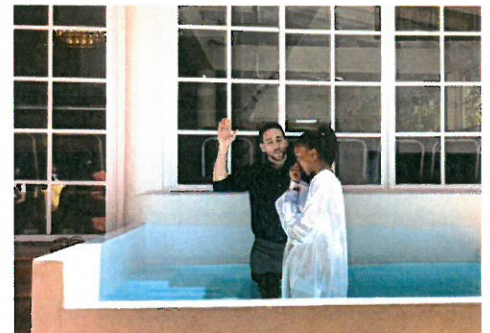
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March-April 2022

Dear Friends,

I am glad to report that things are continuing to move forward in the Dominican Republic. I am especially grateful for this since I am currently on furlough in the States. It is very exciting to see how well our staff is working together to handle every situation, but I have to say, it is great to have Zoom and WhatsApp. It is a blessing to have meetings and to see each other while talking. We are also streaming our services live each week and have added two Zoom Bible studies on Mondays and Fridays that are going well.

In March we were able to baptize a few new believers, one of them being a young lady in our Youth group. We are really working hard to build our Youth ministry and are praying that God will send us someone who is passionate to work with them. Our men are also working extra hard to let our teens know how important they are to the future of New Life Baptist Church. Our Youth have been very faithful to our soul winning efforts, with over half of them participating in our weekly outreach. Recently our teens went bowling and it was a blessing to see 14 participate in this activity. I'm looking forward to spending time with them when I return to the DR in June.



Please pray for our New Believers Sunday School Class. We are thankful the class is growing as we work to disciple them. God has been adding new people monthly to this rotating discipleship program. It is always a great encouragement to see new believers growing in their faith.



We are grateful for your prayers and support for the Lord's work here in the DR.

In His Name,

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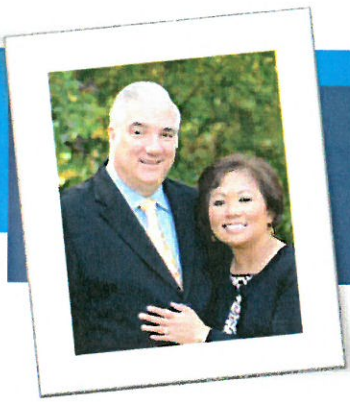
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January-February 2022

Dear Friends,

It is a great joy to write to you again about the blessings of God in the Dominican Republic. We have had many great opportunities to affect people's lives for the Lord.

In January we visited the boy's orphanage in Santo Domingo and were able to take food and a gift for each of the boys! What blessing it was to teach God's Word, and to sing and play games with them, but most of all, to see their faces and know that we brought joy and hope for a better tomorrow. What a privilege it is to be used by God to encourage another person that He loves them and has not forgotten them.



The remainder of January was spent with emphasis on reaching others for Christ. Each Sunday we challenged our people to bring visitors to services. It was a blessing to see our members bringing others each week to church. We welcomed 43 visitors during the four Sunday challenge! We thank the Lord for the decisions made by some of these visitors.

In February we had a great Anniversary Service with 30 visitors from the area and other churches. Our children had their own service and many of our ladies were busy getting food prepared for the 200 plus on the church campus. It was quite a day of singing and preaching!



Please pray for the funds needed to pay off our Santo Domingo property at New Life Church and for our upcoming roof replacement in June. Independent Baptist Builders International, located in Georgia, will be coming to the D.R. June 11-18 to replace the roof. The estimated cost for the roof and other building repairs they will be helping with is \$20,000. Anyone who desires to help with this greatly needed repair can send offerings to B.I.M.I., Acct. 826, Santo Domingo Project Fund, D.R. Roof.

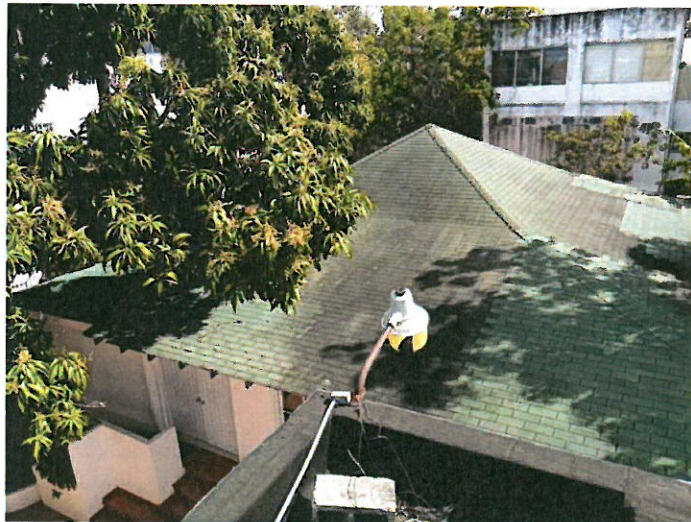
We appreciate your prayers and support.

God Bless!

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New Roof for New Life Baptist Church

Pastor Ronnie Autrey, Dominican Republic



June 11-18, 2022, IBBI will be taking a group of men to Dominican Republic to rebuild the roof on the sanctuary of New Life Baptist Church. Prayer support is needed as we work to change a challenging and complicated roof design into one that is simpler, more attractive, and without the numerous leaks that currently exist. Also, financial gifts for the new church roof would be greatly appreciated and can be given directly through your church to Pastor Autrey, the Santo Domingo Project Fund #826 at BIM.I.

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"And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work." Nehemiah 2:18b



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Dominican Pastors' Christmas Blessing



Looking for a way to make a difference this Christmas? Join Dr. Ronnie Autrey and New Life Baptist Church in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic this year as we bless 55 Dominican pastors with a "Christmas Box". Each box will consist of food, supplies, and a love offering. This project will be a great encouragement to God's choice servants! We are attempting to raise \$175 for each family.

Who can help us?

Student ministries ~ Sunday school classes ~ Small groups Churches ~ Families ~ Individuals

How to Join?

1. Pray about joining this opportunity
2. E-mail us and let us know (resurrectiondrsd@gmail.com)
3. Please make out all checks and send all sponsorships to:

BIMI Account #826
Dominican Pastors' Christmas Blessing
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Dear Friends,

I would like to share an opportunity to be a blessing to a national pastor and his family during Christmas. For the past 28 years, we have made it a point to be a help to these men and their families by making sure they have a great Christmas! We have planned this activity for Saturday, December 4, 2021. We know with your help we can feed them a special meal, give them a box of food, and give them a love offering to thank them for being faithfully committed to our Lord. We thank God for you and ask that you consider helping these godly men have a blessed Christmas with their families.

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Dear Co-Workers in the work of our most Glorious Lord Jesus Christ. We are drawing to an end of 2021. It has been a great year filled with opportunities to serve God. It has been a year of seeing the hand of God move when many were in distress and in need of seeing His hand. He was quick to show all of us that He is True and Able if we will just believe. During the past 30 years of serving the Lord in the DR, this year has been one of the best. As always in the good and the bad, our Lord has led us through. I would like to thank all of you for your Prayers and Support through the years.



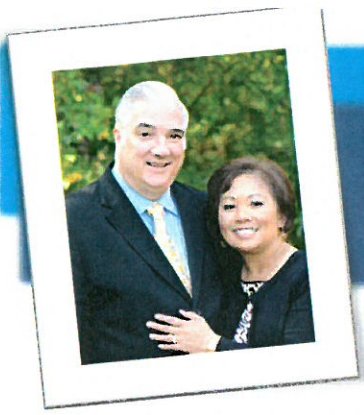
Please continue to pray for the work here and for our National Pastors, who were richly blessed at our Christmas Event for them and their families. We had 62 National Pastors and a few of their Assistants attend this special activity of the National Pastor's Christmas Banquet. They were challenged, they sang, ate all they could eat, and then we gave them all a box of Food and a Christmas Offering. The Men were truly grateful for your help in making them special during Christmas. God Bless and have a great Christmas and New Year.

In His Name,
Ronnie Autrey



Unto us a child is born,
Unto us a son is given ...

Isaiah 9:6



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September 15 – November 15, 2021

Dear Friends,

We are thanking God as He continues to show blessings on His work in the DR. Sometimes there is so much to do, it is hard to know where to start, but little by little, and with God's help and direction, it always gets done.

It has been such a blessing to witness the maturity of the Lord in many of our nationals as they took on tasks that I normally would handle and completed them with little help from me. This year I challenged our staff to function as one in the work of the Lord and work together in solving problems and providing solutions. I have been amazed at their level of spiritual maturity as they are working together for His glory.

This year the Christian school started with a week-long orientation to prepare students for the classroom again following a year and a half of virtual learning via Zoom. Returning to the classroom with new rules presented challenges, but we were ready for them thanks to our staff.

Resurrection Seminary had a good start with 7 new students this semester and the promise of several more students for the coming year. It is very exciting to see God preparing the next generation of pastors for the DR.



Pictures From New Life Youth Working in Pastor Tim's Church



We have also been preparing our teens for a new Youth Pastor at the church. It was a great joy to bring Joshua, the son of Pastor Melido in Constanza, to take our youth program to the next level. We are currently preparing him to catch a vision for the future youth program at New Life Baptist Church. Brother Ethan, a new missionary to the DR, will be leading this effort with Joshua.



We are excited to have Ethan and Brittany and their 5 children on board as they prepare themselves to be future church planters. Pray for them as they study the language.

During this Thanksgiving season, Chona and I wish to thank each of you for your prayers and financial support of the ministry here in the Dominican Republic.

In Christ,

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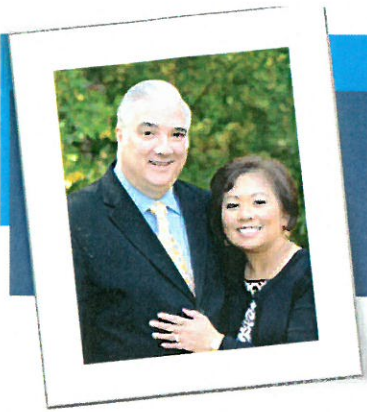
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July 2021

Dear Friends,

We thank God for His constant blessings and success in sharing the Gospel in the Dominican Republic. I am always teaching our people the importance of taking the message of Jesus Christ to those who will listen. I would like to share of two ladies in our church who are actively sharing Christ to the lost.

In May, Chona and I went to Punta Cana for a few days to help our son Jonathan and his family during a difficult time. While there, Chona took the time each morning to speak to the lady who cleaned our room. As she shared who we are and what we are doing in the DR, she also shared the message of Jesus and the difference that He could make in her life. Chona gave her some tracts to read and let her know that we would be there for a few days if she would like to talk. The following day the woman began sharing the struggles she had within her family and that she desperately needed the Lord's help. Chona seized the opportunity that God had afforded to share Christ and she gladly received Jesus as her personal Savior! There was great joy as I watched these two weeping tears of joy as she received Christ!



Denny, who is on Staff at New Life Baptist Ministries, asked me if I would pray for her sister. She went on to explain that her sister was going through many troubles and was in need of the Lord. I told Denny not to miss the chance to be a life changer and reminded her that our purpose here is to make a difference in people's lives. A few weeks later, Denny brought her sister to church. At the end of the message when I asked if anyone would like to receive Christ as their personal Savior, she raised her hand and was saved!

In our last series, I challenged our church not to miss the opportunities that God gives regularly to share His Word and that He wants each one of us to be a life changer. We thank God for the six who have received Him during May and June.

We are also excited about the new churches being planted this year and feel truly blessed with all that God is doing in the DR. Here are some pictures of the new work in San Jose de Ocoa. We still need to install a bathroom for this work. Please pray for them and the other new works started this year.



We thank God for your continued prayers and support for His work here in the DR.

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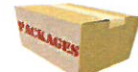
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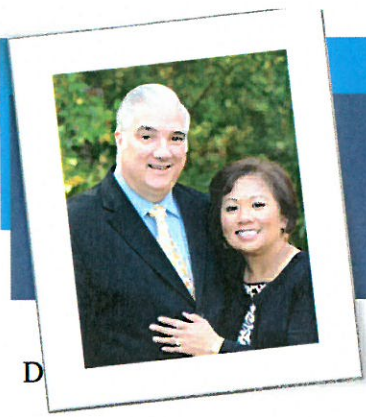
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Once again we thank God for the continued blessing upon His work in the Dominican Republic. We are still experiencing growth at New Life Baptist Church since our last letter. God blessed us with 5 more decisions and 4 baptized. Since May of last year, we have experienced a steady flow of visitors through the internet and in person at New Life. We are grateful that through this time of Covid-19, God has taught us the importance of fighting back under extreme circumstances that seem impossible to overcome. In reality, our Lord has breathed new life into our church program. What a great God we serve!



We began the spring semester at Resurrection Baptist Seminary with 15 new students at our 4 locations. We are thankful to see the power of God at work in young people across the DR who are seeking to become more like Him. Please pray for the 130 students taking classes and the additional \$400.00 per month needed to train God's people in the DR.

We are also thanking God for helping us to bring much needed relief to our national pastors and others who suffered shortfalls during Covid-19. Through the help of individuals and some churches, God allowed us to help some 60 families with food, utility bills, medical needs, internet costs, and equipment for ministry purposes. Anyone desiring to help us bless national pastors serving God in the DR may send funds to BIMl, Account 826 – Covid Relief.



We thank God for your prayers and support which enables us to serve Him in the Dominican Republic.

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During the first week of December, I received a call from Alexis, a new member at New Life Baptist Church. His father had a serious heart attack. Doctors took 4 hours to stabilize him and his heart stopped many times. After five days in ICU, he was finally moved into a room where Chona and I were able to visit him. While talking with him, he admitted that he knew he had died several times the day of the attack. I shared with him that God had given him a second chance to trust Christ as his personal Savior. He told me that he was ready to receive Christ and there were many tears shed as **he asked Jesus into his heart.** Now Brother Ciprian, who is 74 years old, is very faithful to the church. Bringing people to the Lord is the most important work God has given us to do.



Lastly, please pray for me as I have been suffering from shingles. I have had a lot of sleepless nights and pain. I am staying busy and remain in good spirits, but I can honestly recommend the shingles vaccine!

We are blessed and thankful for your prayers and support.

In Christ,

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In 2022, we will be Stateside on furlough. If you wish to use us for a Mission Conference or schedule a visit to report, contact me through email (resurrectiondrsd@gmail.com) or by phone (404-213-6745).



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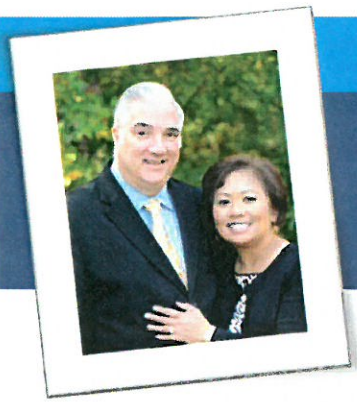
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August-September 2020

Dear Co-laborers,

There have been many great victories during 2020 which I am grateful to have been part of. After returning to the D.R. in July, I faced a mountain that seemed impossible to climb. I begin by asking God to remove the mountain and during the following 8 weeks, He provided everything we needed to eliminate each obstacle that arose during the previous 5 months of COVID-19. These obstacles included food for our National Pastors, many medical needs, aid to suffering church members, many ministry bills that had to be paid, and a balloon payment on the church property. God in His graciousness supplied all the needs. Praise the Lord!

As each one of these needs was resolved, God continued to remind me of Job. The things that He allows, He can also remove at any time He so desires. This has been my life story over the past 38 years of serving God! I have to say, the faith needed in 2020 has surpassed the faith needed in previous years.

On August 31, I was praying regarding the great challenge I faced the following day with some difficult decisions and meetings. I asked God to give a special blessing for one of those meetings, which would occur at 2:00 p.m. I prayed the same again the following morning. At 10:00 a.m., while sitting at my desk, Denny (Office Manager) informed me there was a man on the phone who insisted on meeting with me that day. She told him that was not possible because I had no opening available. However, the Lord was leading me to TAKE TIME, so I agreed to meet with him. Twelve years before this man had been married to one of our church members and had visited our church several times. During that time we had prayed for him on numerous occasions. When he arrived at my office, I asked if there was a problem with one of our students that I saw him drop off several times last year. That was not the problem. He explained that when he visited the church many years ago, he felt that if he ever needed help, I would help him. When I asked what was the problem, He answered that for many years he have known an emptiness inside that nothing seemed to satisfy. He said, "I have all a man could want, but no fulfillment. Do you have the answer to this emptiness in my heart?" I was thrilled to tell Lorenzo that I indeed had the key to unlock the emptiness and bring fulfillment in his life. One and a half hours later, he asked Jesus to come into his heart! I shared verses of assurance with him and he asked if I had time to teach him the Bible. I explained that we have a discipleship program and that I would meet with him once a week. He asked if we could meet twice a week instead! We are meeting twice a week, he is growing,

and though I received a different blessing than what I asked for, it was the best blessing that God could give. It is a great feeling when someone looks for you to tell them about Jesus.

We appreciate your prayers and support. Below is our plan for the Nation Pastor's Christmas event this year. We are thankful for any consideration for these godly men and their families.



God Bless!

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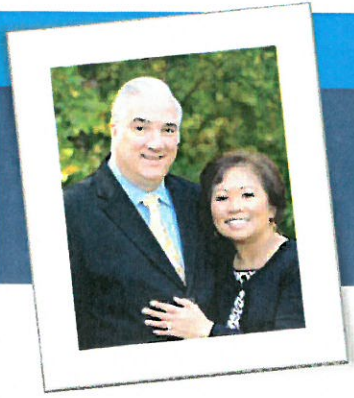
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April-May 2020

Dear Friends,

We are thanking God for all His blessings during these difficult times. Chona and I have been Christians for 40 years and have faced many trials during those years. Some I thought we might not survive, but with each one came new found strength from the Lord. With each major trial we gained better understanding of our Lord and His desires for our lives. I would say that our current trial has reached beyond all others combined, but our previous hardships have taught us to be more calm and patient as we face the current world situation.

I was in the U.S. speaking at a Missions Conference when I received the news that the Dominican was closing airports and I would not be able to return. This was genuinely concerning since Chona was still in the D.R. One of our Dominican pastors informed me that hospitals were sending people home who had COVID-19 because they were overwhelmed and unable to handle any more patients. Since Chona was considered a high risk because of her medical condition, she needed to get out of the D.R. as well as our son Jonathan and his family. We thank God for clearing the way for them to return safely to the U.S.

Everything in the Dominican was shut down except for essential personnel. The country was placed under martial law with a 5:00 p.m. curfew. Our ministries were immediately faced with many great challenges. Our church, the national pastors and their ministries, and the Christian school were all met with new requirements as students had to continue classes via the internet. God supplied the answer quickly for these challenges through WhatsApp and Zoom. Not only are we continuing all of our regular activities at New Life Baptist Church, but we have also added 2 additional Bible studies on Tuesday and Friday night to keep our people involved. We even have 3 new families in the area who are participating in 2 services weekly. We are extremely excited about all God is doing.



Many of our pastors are in distress due to the shutdown in the Dominican. Their needs are great and the calls were many, exceeding what we could conceive, but we serve a great God who is always in control. We simply prayed and laid the matter before our Lord. We followed His words in Matthew 7:7, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." We shared the need and God is answering. We are grateful to Him and those He is using to meet the need. Please pray with us in this matter. We appreciate your prayers and support.



In Christ,

Ronnie & Chona Autrey

Please be in urgent prayer for Pastor Victor Yeme's son who has leukemia and is currently on a respirator. They are featured in the photo above.



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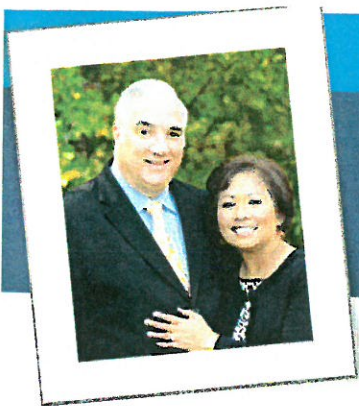
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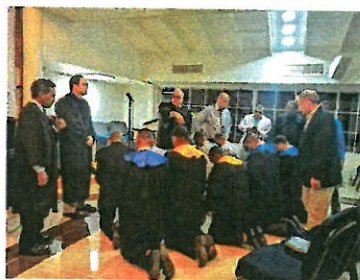
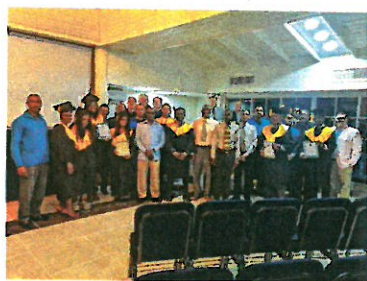
Missionaries to Dominican Republic

Jan. 15- Mar. 15, 2020

Dear Friends,

We are indeed grateful for your prayers and for the vision God has given you to join us in the great work He is doing in the Dominican. Chona and I are thankful for your partnership and blessed to work together with you in His cause.

Since our last letter, we have experienced 3 exciting events that we are anxious to share with you. On Friday, March 6, Resurrection Baptist Seminary graduated 10 men who completed classes in Pastoral Studies and 6 women who completed classes in Biblical Ministries. We were blessed to have Pastor Rusty Smith and Charlie Gibbs to join us from Mikado Baptist Church. Pastor Jeremy Rands and Pastor Danny Sweatt also came to help with the events held at New Life Baptist Church.



During a 3 day period, we had two Ordination Councils that met with 16 men in preparation for ordination. Each council included both American and Dominican pastors who helped these men complete the ordination process. We are thankful for 74 men who currently serve in 53 churches as pastors, assistant pastors, and in full time ministry, both in the D.R. and other countries. We are grateful that God has used us, working together during the past 29 years, to this end. I can only imagine what else He has in store for us as we await His coming!

New Life Baptist Church had a great service on Anniversary Sunday, March 8. Pastor Rusty preached a great message on the family to the 180 in attendance, including 20 visitors. We were very excited to see 6 souls trust Christ as Savior and to have many others who prayed to have a deeper commitment toward their families. We thank God for His blessings for these 3 events.



Please keep us in your prayers as we endeavor to accomplish God's work in the Dominican. We are exceedingly thankful for your part in facilitating these blessings in the D.R.

In Christ,

Ronnie & Chona Autrey



Dr. Ronnie & Chona Autrey

Missionaries to Dominican Republic

November-December 2019

Dear Friends,

November and December are the busiest months of the year. As usual, we begin planning in November for all the activities that will be carried out during December.

Our first event of the season was the annual Ladies Christmas banquet. This year our ladies decided to use a restaurant for their event. This was a blessing in itself and a lot less work for the pastor as I am the one who always cooks for this event! Chona shared a Christmas message with the ladies and everyone had more food than they could eat.



Next, we were blessed to give the National Pastors some much needed help for Christmas. Many people sent offerings and donations of food for the pastors to enjoy a good Christmas with their families. More than 50 families were blessed by your efforts.



After this event we visited the local Boys Home where we were able to share with them God's Word, games, songs, and food. We also were able to give a Christmas present to each one. It is a great thing to bring joy to those who have nothing.

Finally, our church visited a very poor sugar cane village where we were again privileged to share God's Word, games, songs, and gifts with 115 children who live in a village called Peligro (danger).



We thank God for your prayers and support that make all these opportunities possible.

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Dominican Pastors' Christmas Blessing

Looking for a way to make a difference this Christmas???

Join Dr. Ronnie Autrey and New Life Baptist Church in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic this year as we bless 50 Dominican pastors with a "Christmas Box". Each box will consist of food, supplies, and a love offering. This project will be a great encouragement to God's choice servants! We are attempting to raise \$150 for each family with children and \$100 for families without children.

Who can help us?

Student ministries ~ Sunday school classes ~ Small groups
Churches ~ Families ~ Individuals

How to Join?

1. Pray about joining this opportunity
2. E-mail us and let us know (resurrectiondrsd@gmail.com)
3. Please make out all checks and send all sponsorships to:

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Thank you so much for making a difference in the lives of these pastors and their families!



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Missionaries to Dominican Republic

June-August, 2019

Dear Friends,

Summer has been very busy for us this year. I don't remember a year with so many things happening! In June we finished our school year and immediately began working on modifying our buildings to make our facilities better. With the help of three groups from the U.S., we were able to repair and paint all the desks used by the Seminary and Christian School and to repair and paint all the interior walls. This involved a lot of painting considering our three buildings have just over 10,000 sq. ft. combined.

Just after all this hard work was accomplished, we received a call that Chona's brother, Allan, had suffered heart failure and had gone to be with our Lord in heaven. We thank God for all of you who were praying for us and helped us in a special way during this difficult time.

After the funeral, Chona stayed behind to help her mother and I returned to the DR as we had a group coming to install a new 32 camera system in our buildings. It was a great joy to have Pastor Rusty and some of the members of our home church, Mikado Baptist, to come and install this new system they purchased for our ministry. Everyone worked hard to ensure the work was finished in four days. The cameras are working great. It is a real blessing to be able to see everything in all the buildings, at any time, regardless of where I am in the world.



Brother Randy and Kristy Hurst arrived in the DR to give our teachers their in-service training for the coming school year. Both were a great blessing to our teachers. Also this year, the appearance of our school is the best it has ever been.

During August, I taught our theme for this school year, BE REAL, from Galatians 5:12-26, with our key verse being Gal. 5:25, "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." I am currently giving this instruction to our Junior and Senior High school students over the next six weeks. I hope to see many changed lives during this time. Please pray that God will do something within our student body this year.



We are thanking God for three new families attending church from our efforts this summer. We are also grateful for five souls saved during July and August. We are asking God to use us in a mighty way for the remainder of this year. Thank you for your prayers and support.

In Christ,

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Missionaries to Dominican Republic

January-February 2019

Dear Friends,

The New Year started off in a big way as I began a study series on Considering Our Ways. The focus of the messages was that we must desire to do more for God in 2019 than we did in 2018 and less for ourselves. Making a difference in the lives of others should be our driving force every day. As a result, we are encouraging our people to be bolder in sharing the Gospel and inviting friends, neighbors, and lost family members to church.



Toward the end of January Chona and I were blessed to have the pastor who led us to the Lord to come for a visit and see what God has done throughout our years here in the D.R. It was a blessing to show him 17 of the 50 churches established and now pastored by graduates of Resurrection Baptist Seminary. Our church was also blessed by the challenging message he preached on Sunday.

The remainder of January and early February was spent in preparation for our Anniversary Sunday at New Life Baptist Church. We invited pastor Jeremy Rands from Monclova Road Baptist Church in Ohio to preach the anniversary message. The church visited extensively in our neighborhood, nearby parks, and even three malls in the area. There was a great deal of excitement as we all prepared for that special day. Our son Jonathan came with a few of his members to sing several songs as well our our 4-6 year old children. We were blessed with 20 visitors and had 200 in attendance. During the invitation, several raised their hands acknowledging they had made a decision. We thank God for all He is doing and for allowing us to have a part.



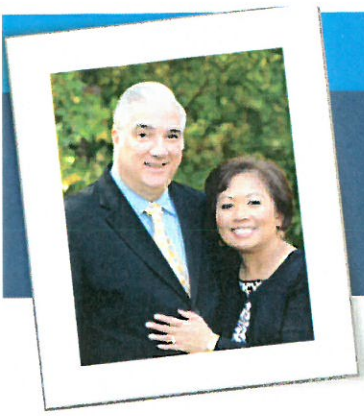
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Missionaries to Dominican Republic

July-August 2018

Dear Friends,

We are thanking God for His blessings, for they are many.

I have begun to challenge our people concerning the importance of taking every opportunity that God gives them to tell others about Christ and His saving power for their lives. I'm challenging them first about their desire. Without desire, they will not seize the opportunity given. Secondly, we must be willing to take time. The moment an opportunity presents itself, we should stop and allow the need for that person's eternal soul to become our reason for living. Lastly, we must be fearless in our effort to win the lost. Our mission as Christians is to see others receive Christ as their personal Savior. We know and understand that winning souls for Christ is important, but I believe that leading others to know Him doesn't consume our minds the way it should. It is my hope that our people will become consumed with witnessing and reaching others for our Lord.

In August, our Pastor, Rusty Smith, was visiting the DR with some of the members from our home church in Macon, GA. After preaching to a group of young people from several churches, we went to play golf at a nearby course. They provided us with a caddie whose name was Lino. Before playing, we first joined together to pray that God would bless our fun. On the fourth hole, Lino asked me if we were Christians. I told him we were and that Rusty and I were pastors. He shared with me that every time he would attend a church, he was disappointed. I told him that I knew what his problem was and could help him if he wanted. With his permission I answered, "You are going to church thinking that the church will give you the peace and joy you need in your life. You must first meet the Lord Jesus Christ and receive Him as your Savior. Then He will fill you with peace and joy that will allow you to embrace the preaching and teaching of God's Word." By the time we finished our game, Lino had changed his eternal home and was heaven bound! I talk with him often and he hasn't missed a service since receiving Christ. He recently asked me if he could attend the Bible College. Please keep him in your prayers.



As always, we are deeply grateful for your prayers and support which allow us to do the work God has given us to do here in the DR.

In Christ,
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Missionaries to Dominican Republic

May-June 2018

Dear Friends,

Almost 2 years ago, Pastor Melido approached me with a plan to start a new church deep in the mountains of Constanza, in a village called Convent. This village of 950 people is a farming community. I told Melido that we were in a difficult time financially due to the Santo Domingo Project at New Life Baptist Church, but as God provided I would help him with this new church. Being very careful with expenses, we were able to start the work at a cost of \$150 per month. Melido would be responsible for \$50.00 of this expense and my part would be the remaining \$100. I didn't have this monthly amount, but believed God would provide. During the last 21 months, I have made a total of 8 trips to this new work. On one such trip, the Catholic priest heard we were coming and used his sound system to disrupt the service. Pastor Melido continued to press forward with the work and in March of this year, a farmer in the church donated a small piece of land for a building. We made plans to construct a building for Iglesia Bautista Ebenezer in June-July of this year.



Recently my son Jonathan had a group from the States coming to construct a building for a church in a one of the sugar cane villages of La Romana. Permission fell through to build, yet the group would be arriving in only a few days. They reached out to us regarding our building project and we were



able to get the materials needed to complete the building in Convent. I am always overwhelmed by how God can change things so quickly and bring Christians to work together in unity to accomplish His divine purpose. When all was done, this project which was supposed to cost \$15,000 was completed for less than \$10,000. Before leaving, Pastor Lance preached a service in the new church. Including the church members and the work group from Byron, Georgia, there were about 85 people





in attendance. When I gave the invitation, 28 people raised their hands to accept Christ as Savior. We are so thankful to God for allowing us to have a part in what He is doing here.



We are deeply grateful for your prayers and support for the work in the Dominican Republic.

In His Name,

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March-April 2018

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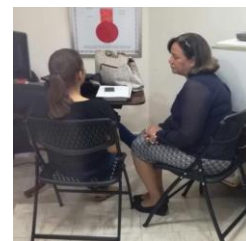
Once again, it is with great joy and the constant feeling of God's mighty presence in the DR that we write of the blessings of experiencing and seeing His Glory. In March we began with a special meeting for teens. The service was beyond all that we thought possible as God sent over 100 teens for this meeting. They enjoyed music, preaching, games, and finished up with pizza and ice cream. There were many decisions made to the Lord. Please keep our young people in your prayers. They are the future of God's work in the Dominican Republic.



Next we found ourselves in Constanza with Pastor Terry Moore and a group from his church. We were on our way to visit a new church plant about 10 miles deeper in the mountains in the village of Convent. I had told Pastor Melido not to inform the people of our plans because, surprisingly, the Catholic priest had a meeting at the same time we did on our last visit. This time we went unannounced and made quick work of inviting the village people to come to the new church that was close to the Catholic church. We put chairs outside on the road and waited for the people to come. God sent over 100 people to hear the gospel that day. When the invitation was given for salvation, 27 adults, teens, and children came forward to accept Christ. We were blessed with another day to witness the power and glory of our Lord in action.



Finally, we had a great day in the Lord last Sunday at New Life Baptist Church. The week had been full of difficulties, but at every step, we saw the hand of God leading the way. During the week Claudio Pena's dad went home to heaven. This family has been at New Life from the beginning. There were other challenges, but God gave great peace! At the close of the invitation on Sunday, a young lady raised her hand to be saved with tears streaming down her face. That's a sight I always long for and never get tired of seeing!



During the service as I was thinking of the 48 different churches started and pastored by nationals trained at Resurrection Baptist Seminary over these many years, I realized that if we had all met corporately, a total of 4,000 people would have been present for worship. The blessings of God are constant and enable us to press forward for His glory and honor each day. Thank you for partnering with us in doing God's work in the DR.

In Christ,

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February 2018

Dear Friends,

We had a busy beginning to 2018. We began the New Year with a visit to one of the sugar cane villages in La Romana, which is south of Santo Domingo. Each year we visit one of these very poor villages to bring the children



gifts and to share God's love for them. The villagers are locked into a life of working the sugar cane fields with little hope of ever leaving the village. It's a hard life. There is usually only one source of water for each village. Their



homes are a single 20 x 20 room that they somehow turn into a kitchen, living room and bedroom. You notice I didn't mention a bathroom. That is

because they bathe outdoors and their bathroom is an outhouse behind the house. We are grateful the Lord has given us an opportunity to help these people.



The first Sunday in February we celebrated our Church Anniversary. We were blessed to have Pastor Sal Yannizzi from Bible Baptist Church in Bradenton, FL. Our building was filled to overflowing with about 20 people standing in the back. Following the message we baptized a young couple who had recently been saved. The husband was in the park last year as I handed out tracts with Pastor Rusty Smith of Mikado Baptist Church in Macon, GA. I invited him to come to our church and bring his family. He did



and was saved. Later we learned that he was one of the teens that my sons and I used to play basketball with about 15 years ago. Many of those boys were saved and became part of our youth group. Thank God that He gave us another chance with Ernesto!



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We finished February with a group from Berean Baptist Church from Georgia with their new pastor, Todd Sivnksty and pastor Dan Sweatt. We were blessed by the hard work of this group who built 80 new desks for the New Life Christian Academy in just 5 ½ days. Somehow they achieved this task with Americans and Dominicans working together while speaking



different languages. There is no doubt they were able to accomplish the work because they were joined together in the same Spirit and cause.

We are grateful to all of you as we have joined together in the same cause that God has for the Dominican Republic. We thank Him always for your prayers and support.

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December 2017

Dear Friends,

Season's Greetings from the Dominican Republic where we are busy as bees preparing to be a blessing to as many people as possible this Christmas.

Our first event is the annual Christmas dinner for the ladies of our church prepared by yours truly. I hope they survive my cooking! We have invited Joy Wesson and her daughters to join our ladies and share a devotional before the meal and gift exchange. I am sure the ladies will have a great time.

Next we have our National Pastor's Christmas Banquet, also an annual event. We will outreach to 44 pastors and their families. Pray for us as we prepare each of them a care package and offering. It has always been very rewarding to see how grateful these men are to receive this Christmas blessing.

Our next event will be at a boy's orphanage where we will spend time with 36 boys who need someone to love them, listen to them, and play with them. Our desire is to leave them with joy and happiness in their hearts. They will also receive food and gifts as well.

Lastly, a group from our church will travel to La Romana to invest in the lives of about 150 children living in a very poor sugar cane village. We will share songs, a message, games, candy, and gifts. One thing will be remembered most of all—the smiling faces and words of thanks from these children.

We appreciate all your prayers and support as you partner with us in reaching those in need. We trust you all will have a wonderful Christmas season and Happy New Year.

Ron & Chona Autrey



MISSION UPDATE

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Dear Praying Friends,



Just want to share a few things that happened this summer from the Dominican Republic. In June, one of the great events that we were able to enjoy was some hard work at New Life Baptist Church. There was no lack of the types of construction work missing from our to-do-list this summer. Just name it and we were doing it. From

painting, plumbing, building wooding desk, pulling wire, resolving electrical issues, and, my personal favorite, laying block and mixing concrete, we had a busy summer. There were a lot of long days and weeks, but they were filled with the reward of seeing great progress and unity of a common cause for the work of the Lord.



Another event that took place this summer in July was a large campaign in the mountains of Constanza. We took a youth group from Berean Baptist Church of Georgia to have a VBS during the mornings and preaching for the whole family in the evenings. We were blessed with all the children, youth, and parents that attended these meetings. We are still thanking our Lord for the 23 that received Christ as their Savior. There were also other decisions made during these meeting. We thank God for allowing us to have a part in seeing lives changed.



Look for our newsletter coming out in September. Thanks for your constant prayers and support.

Ron & Chona



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Missionaries to Dominican Republic

April-May 2017

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In May, after much planning, we held a youth rally for the youth of several churches that are pastored by Resurrection Baptist Seminary graduates. We had 78 in attendance for the event. They sang, heard the Word of God, and afterward, consumed about 40 pounds of chili, 5 large bags of tortilla chips, and 8 pounds of nacho cheese!! I believe we ministered to the soul, spirit, and body! It was great night of praising God and giving Him the glory.



We were also blessed in May as Pastor Allen Davis came to New Life Baptist Church to help install a new sound system. This was a great need for our ministry. We were able to use our existing sound board which saved the expense of a new one. We are grateful to Pastor Allen and Landmark Baptist Church who purchased some of the equipment needed to update our sound system. We are still in need of a 65 inch TV, but we're not complaining. We are truly blessed.



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We concluded the month of May with the year-end program for New Life Christian Academy. It was a great night of glorifying our Lord. The students performed a drama of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. I preached a brief message to challenge the saved to walk, believe, and live the life of Christ. To those who didn't know the Lord as Savior, the message was that Jesus is the only way to receive God's forgiveness for eternal



life. After a prayer of invitation, I closed the program and exited the platform. A woman walked up to me and said, "Pastor, that message changed my life and I will be in heaven as a Christian." We rejoice that this woman will join us in heaven!

God is using you to help us do great things for His glory.

In Christ,

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We concluded the month of May with the year-end program for New Life Christian Academy. It was a great night of glorifying our Lord. The students performed a drama of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. I preached a brief message to challenge the saved to walk, believe, and live the life of Christ. To those who didn't know the Lord as Savior, the message was that Jesus is the only way to receive God's forgiveness for eternal



life. After a prayer of invitation, I closed the program and exited the platform. A woman walked up to me and said, "Pastor, that message changed my life and I will be in heaven as a Christian." We rejoice that this woman will join us in heaven!

God is using you to help us do great things for His glory.

In Christ,

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Missionaries to Dominican Republic

February 2017

Dear Friends,

We rejoice in the recent blessings of our Lord here in the Dominican Republic. We finished up an extremely fruitful time during December and began planning for two special events in February.

We were privileged to have Pastor Rusty Smith to join us for the graduation ceremony of Resurrection Baptist Seminary on February 3. He charged our 17 graduates to make a difference as they began their work for the Lord. We were excited to present to our graduates Diplomas and Degrees in Biblical Studies, Biblical Theologies, and Pastoral Studies of Theologies. With this graduating class, plus the men who are already doing internships, there is a possibility in the future of 20 new church plants!



Along with the excitement of the graduation, we were also busy with preparations for Anniversary Sunday at New Life Baptist Church. It was the first anniversary in our new facility and members were very excited and thankful. God blessed us with 15 visitors, 2 of which were saved! Pastor Rusty preached a challenging message and, following the service, we baptized 6 souls in our new baptistry. We finished the celebration with a great meal and a large chocolate cake. It was a wonderful day!



We ask that you keep us in prayer as we approach the March 31 payment for the non-interest part of our loan. Anyone desiring to help with this need can contact us for more information or send an offering to BIMI, account 474, DR Property fund. Our contact information is located at the bottom of the page.

We are blessed to be your partners in the DR.

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December 2016 Update



We've had a great but busy Holiday Season this December 2016. We begin with our Ladies' Christmas Banquet. This event has become a special time each year because it is the one event that I personally prepare several dishes for our ladies. This year, I prepared 30 pounds of turkey, 12 pounds of spiral ham, and my special shrimp salad. I usually prepare for 40 to 45, but this was the first year in our new property where we were hoping for more. We thank God for the 72 ladies that came out and were a part of our Christmas Banquet.



Our next event was something new this season. Chona and Stephanie decided that they were going to prepare Christmas Cookies and visit all the tenets of our apartment building. This had great benefits because Tim and I got to eat the leftovers, but the greatest part was we had two visit the church and an open door to even more friendly neighbors.



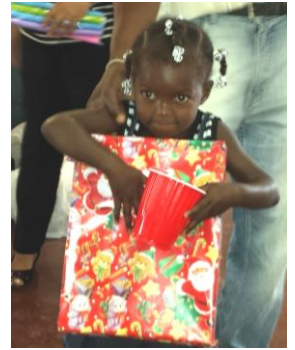
Next, we had our Special Christmas Church Banquet with a surprising 205 in attendance, a record for New Life. It was a great time of Special Music, a Christmas Drama by the children, preaching, and great food.



The following activity was our Staff Banquet which required Chona and me to put on our cooking hats. We prepared a feast of all types of goodies, and we ate a lot more than we should have.



After Christmas our church got ready for Christmas in the Sugar Cane Villages in La Romana. We took more than a 180 gifts to needy children. This is one of the most loved events in our church each year. The children had a great time with the songs, food, preaching, and gifts.



At the end of December, we had a great time of prayer, food, Christmas boxes, and offering for our national pastors. They were truly grateful for what the Lord did for them.



Lastly, we were able to visit one of the local Boy's orphanage and give them over \$2,000.00 dollars of much needed food and gifts. They had a great time of games, preaching, and gifts. The boys had a great time, but I think our people had just as much enjoyment.



Please pray for us as God continues to open doors for us to expand the ministries of the Church. We are grateful that God has allowed us to partner with you in a mighty way and applicate all your prayers and support that enabled us to accomplish His will during 2016. Thanks The Autrey's



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August-September 2016

Dear Friends,



The Lord continued to bless us in the church services during August and September as I finished a series on “Much More” about the blessings we have in Christ. You can listen to our church services on our website. I immediately began a new series entitled “Who is the Father of your Soul?” and the Lord has blessed His Word. We are praising Him for the three youth and some adults that accepted Christ as Savior during these services.

September was the month of the Bible in the Dominican Republic. Each Thursday night during the service there were messages on men who loved the Bible. We challenged the members to memorize the following week’s main text, and many took time to memorize and recite these verses. On the final Sunday, two of the Sunday School classes presented memory verses and songs during the service.



The Lord is blessing in the youth department of the church and we have seen growth in their weekly Sunday School class. On September 17th, they held their monthly Saturday meeting with more than forty-five teenagers present and seven accepted Christ as their Savior. Pray as we are planning another youth conference during the month of November.

The children’s class from the van route continues to march forward. Each week their classroom is full of children listening to the Word of God. They had a special activity following the service on September 25th in the park beside the church. Praise the Lord for the workers who faithfully serve in the ministries to our youth and children.



We praise the Lord for His provision in August of the \$15,000 needed for payment of equipment and the air conditioner for the facility. We are currently raising funds for our first interest-free loan payment from the previous owners due the beginning of next year. With this loan, the church will save over \$125,000 in interest during the course of the loan. We are asking the Lord to help us make a \$150,000 deposit in the first months of 2017.



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The New Life Christian Academy began the 2016-2017 school year on August 29th. Currently, there are over 175 students enrolled for this year. We have made a concentrated effort to share the gospel with the students during the chapel services as well as in the classroom. During the first week of orientation, 10 students raised their hands for salvation following my message challenging them to be real in their faith toward God. A few weeks later, 3 more high-school students sought out Pastor José

Ramón and Pastor Tim to accept Christ as their Savior. In elementary chapel the following week, over 20 students asked Christ to forgive them of their sins. In the final chapel of the month for 7th through 12th grade students, 22 students stayed behind to hear more about salvation and placed their faith in Christ. On his way back to class, one of the students sought out a staff member to tell her of his decision to follow Christ! Please pray as we seek to disciple these new converts.

Resurrection Baptist Seminary began another semester on September 3rd following a few months off during our move to the new location. There are 85 students enrolled in the seminary this semester. We are planning a graduation ceremony for 17 of them this December.

We appreciate your faithful prayers and support for the ministry. God is doing a great work at New Life Baptist Church and ministries. Please continue to pray as we seek to reach this city and country with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Apr – Jun 2016

Dear Friends,

We have experienced many different emotions during the past 3 months. During the first part of April we continued working hard to finish the remodeling of the new church facility and the class rooms for the Christian school. At 55 sometime I still think I'm only 25, but after working 12 to 14 hour days for 2 weeks, I realized my body doesn't care what my mind thinks. We had our first service in the new building and what a great day it was. We were blessed with a great attendance and spirit of thanks to the Lord for so many blessings.

Then on the 15th of April my sister called and told me that my mother's Doctor had said that my mother was in the last stage of Dementia and she only had 3 to 4 weeks to live. This was very hard news to receive at such time of so many blessings from the move to the new property. I knew that my mother was suffering, but this was news that I personally was not ready to hear. Chona and I put things in order as best as we could and headed for my mother's home. Those last days with my mother were very special to us as we both would read the Bible and sing to my mother. There were times that she would sing with us. She especially enjoyed, "How Great Thou Are and Sweet Beulah Land". I knew on the forth of May my mother would soon pass into eternity, as my great niece sang a Christian song to mother, she went home to be with the Lord. As we all gather around her bed and prayed, I knew that she would suffer no more. Please pray for us as we all miss her dearly, she played an important role in our lives. I will miss our talks and words of encouragement.

We thank God for a great Youth Conference during June. There have been many decisions to follow and seek Christ in a greater way in the Youth. We have many activities planned for them during the month of July as we work hard to grow our Youth Program in the Church.

We appreciate all your prayers and support for the work of the Dominican Republic.



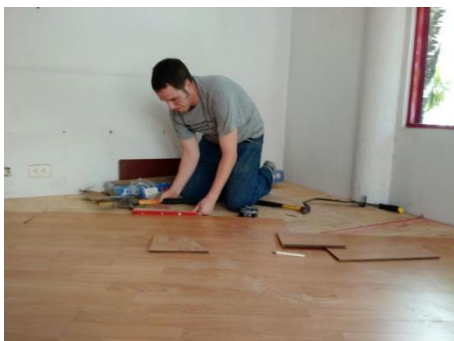
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15 January- 15 March 2016

Dear Friends,

It has been a busy time since our last letter. New Life Baptist Church had a great anniversary service on February 7 with over 240 people present. The anniversary began a revival meeting and during the services we were blessed to see 6 souls saved. In addition to these, 7 new people began attending who were already saved but were looking for a church home. Pastor Allen Davis led the meeting and was also able to teach our seminary students a 5 hour class on ethics. Brother Allen's 40 years of experience was a blessing to our 85 students.



We are working daily to remodel the new church property, anticipating April 4 as our move-in date. Although we have made good progress, there is still a lot to get done over the next 3 weeks. Many more tasks will follow throughout the year including: building walls (block and wood), installing 32 doors, laying tile floors, plumbing and electrical work, air conditioning, roofing, and painting, plus a building addition. I am sure there will be other things we haven't thought of yet! If you can help us physically or financially, please contact me by phone (321-574-5779) or email (resurrectiondrsd@hotmail.com). We are grateful for those who have already sent funds or contacted us with plans to come and continue the work here.

We thank God always for your prayers and support for the ministry in the D.R.

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Missionaries to Dominican Republic

July-August 2015

Dear Friends,

God has been showing Himself in a great way in recent days with the ministry here in the Dominican Republic. There has been a great deal of emphasis within the church concerning the need to win more people to Christ. Along with this hunger, we have also been praying fervently for God's power in our witness. Several people have shared the gospel with those they have contact with, which led to 5 people being saved!

One of those saved is a woman who came to the parent orientation at the Christian School. I noticed she passed by my office door twice, then stopped to say, "Pastor, I know you are busy, but could you spare a minute of your time." I asked her how I could help and she shared her story. She was on sick leave from work, taking medication for depression, and had a mountain of problems that seemed to have no end in sight. I asked her that if someone was willing to take the responsibility of her troubles, would she trust that person? She said, yes and I shared with her how Christ had already helped her in that He died for her and her family. I told her that she could trust Christ as her personal Savior and that He would carry her burdens. She gladly received Christ. Every time I see her, she tells me that she has the peace of God in her life.

On another note, God opened the door to start 3 churches during June-August. A fourth church will be started in Boca Chica in September. We were also blessed to finally sign a contract for the much needed property for New Life Baptist Church. Praise the Lord, we are so grateful for this answer to prayer! The property will increase our space from 6,500 square feet to 16,000 square feet. What a difference this will make in the ministry here. The property has a total of 3 buildings that are in great condition, one of which will be used for church services. No more breaking down and setting up for every service! We are very excited that the auditorium will hold around 200 people. There are 2 large rooms in another building that will hold at least 75 each. God has blessed us beyond words!

Please pray for us as we work to accomplish God's will. We are thankful for all your support and prayers for this ministry.

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January-February 2015

Dear Friends,

We had a great beginning for 2015. Hard work has provided great results. Our people have been bringing more visitors to church and 4 people received Christ in January/February.

On February 1 we celebrated New Life Baptist Church's anniversary. The service was well attended and included special music from a gospel group, a video of past events throughout our history, and most importantly, the preaching of God's Word by Jeremy Rands of Grace Baptist Church in Columbus, GA. Following the service we enjoyed "dinner on the grounds" and feasted on roasted pig and much delicious food prepared by our ladies. Topping everything off was a 10 1/2 pound chocolate cake. It was a great day for New Life Baptist Church. The highlight of the day was that one young man received Christ as Savior.



Now that year-end exams are complete at Resurrection Baptist Seminary, we will begin enrollment in March for the coming year. We expect to have about 90 students. Please pray for God's blessings on Resurrection Baptist Seminary and its students.

My mother recently fell and broke her hip. The first doctor elected not to operate due to her lung condition, but a second doctor decided surgery was the best option even with existing health issues. She is doing well following surgery and is currently receiving therapy in a rehabilitation facility. We would appreciate your prayers for her.

We are thankful for your continued prayers and support for the ministries in the Dominican.

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November 2014

Dear Friends,

September and October have been quite busy. I have to say that with all the changes we made this year, I thought we would have a rough start. To the contrary, this has been the best beginning we've ever had. We are enjoying record attendance on all fronts—at New Life Baptist Church, New Life Christian Academy, and the Resurrection Baptist Seminary. It seems that the more we work as a church toward the purchase of property, the more God excites His people. We ask that you would pray for God's continued blessing on His work here in the DR.

We have seen a lot of new growth in the church with new families moving into Santo Domingo and some who have recently received Christ. I began a new series in October entitled, "Experiencing God is our Destiny." Many are responding to these messages. Pray that God will continue to give me the words He desires His people to hear.

We finished the month of October by welcoming a group from Pastor Danny Sweatt's church in Atlanta, GA. They worked with great zeal and accomplished much including replacing a roof on one of the churches and holding evangelistic meetings for children, teens, and adults.



We thank you for your constant prayers and support of the ministry the Lord has given us in the Dominican Republic.

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January – March 2014

Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that I write concerning the happenings in the D.R. From the end of January through March, we have been very busy on every front in the work God has given us here in the Dominican Republic.

- Resurrection Baptist Seminary began the spring semester with 87 students.
- Twelve people have been saved and 8 baptized for the glory of God!
- New Life Baptist Church celebrated its 13th anniversary on February 2 with a record attendance of 245! We put out additional chairs almost every service with our men standing in the back many Sundays.
- A new plan for Sunday School is working well and has increased our attendance.
- New focus in our teen outreach has boosted involvement and attendance.
- Two new churches have been started and plans are underway for 3 more church plants next year.

To compensate for this new growth, over the next few months we will be increasing our staff to 2 Dominican nationals and 4 American missionaries to support both the church and school ministries. We are also finalizing plans for the purchase of property to accommodate our growing ministries. We anticipate moving to the new property on August 1. Our floor and yard space will increase by 40% or more at the new location.

As I consider all that God has done since our return to the D.R., I am reminded of our Lord's words in John 11:40, "*Jesus said to her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou should see the glory of God?*" We are believing and seeing His mighty hand upon the work here. We are also thanking Him for joining us together as partners to accomplish much for His glory.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of this ministry.

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P.S. Our new website is under construction - www.newlifebaptistministries.com



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Missionaries to Dominican Republic

November – December 2013

Pastor and Friends of the Work of the Dominican Republic,

We trust all is well with you as you are celebrating the memory of our Lord's birth. We have been working hard to show the love of Christ during this Christmas season.

During the months of October and November we were in the planning mode for all the events to take place in December. I am glad to report that all went extremely well and that Christ's love shone through in each event.

In November we were privileged to baptize 12 new believers and another 6 in December. Also in December we held our annual Ladies Christmas Banquet. Then all joined together to show the National Pastors our love and appreciation by giving each a box of food and a love gift from the Lord. We were also able to visit and take gifts to a boys orphanage and a girls orphanage. Lastly, we ministered in a very poor sugar cane village where we took 150 gifts for the children and a bag of candy for each. There was much joy as we sang and played games with all these children and the Pastors were encouraged as they experienced God's kindness in a time of great difficulty.

National Pastors



National Pastors Christmas

Boys Orphanage



Romana Sugar Cane Village



Girls Orphanage



Baptism of Justo (73)

Your giving has made all these families experience the love of our Lord. We thank you for your prayers and support this year and wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In His name,

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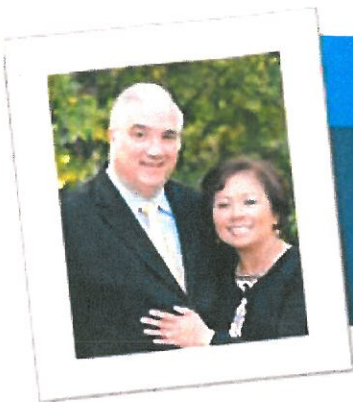
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Missionaries to Dominican Republic

July 15 – October 15, 2013

Dear Friends,

Chona and I have been extremely busy since our last prayer letter to you in June. We took a little break in July before beginning several meetings that would wrap up our furlough, then it was time to head back to the D.R. When we arrived, we had to move, which we were not looking forward to. Since our son Jonathan and his family had moved into their own apartment, we felt the need to downsize to smaller housing. There were many ups and down as we searched for a new place to live, but the Lord opened the door for us to find an apartment in the same building that Jonathan and his family live. It is good to be close to your grandchildren! This was the longest move we have ever had—almost 4 weeks. There's one thing that we are very certain of—we don't like to move and we hope not to do it again for a long time!!

It has been great to get back and start anew in the work here in the D.R. As always, there is much to do. The last 6 weeks have been filled with great excitement as God has blessed us with several new families in the church. During September and the first 2 weeks of October, we were blessed to see 6 decisions for salvation. Three others have asked me to pray for them regarding their need to be saved. One of these is Justo who has been attending church faithfully for a year and a half. During the many times that I have spoken to him, he has always given a reason for waiting. He recently asked to speak to me about his need for salvation. I will be meeting with him this week. Please keep him in prayer along with his wife Monica.

We are excited to report an increase in attendance at Resurrection Baptist Seminary and New Life Christian Academy. Please pray for us as we continue with preparations to purchase property for the work of God in the D.R. We are grateful for your faithful prayers and support.

In His Name,

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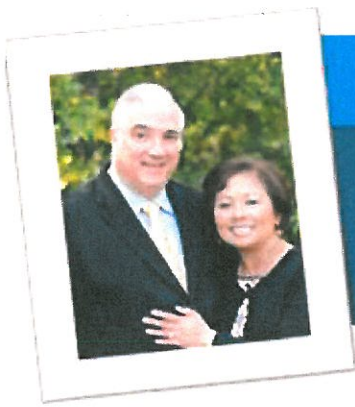
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May – June 2013

Dear Friends,

May and June were busy months with the work in the Dominican. In May I returned to the D.R. to help as the school year was coming to an end. While there, I met with a couple who were experiencing great difficulties. The husband began to share all that had happened to them and how that each time they thought things were going to improve, something would happen to destroy all hope of getting out of their situation. After hearing this I said, "Mayo, I wish I could tell you that things are going to get better for you and Rossi, but I can't. In fact, I can only tell you that things are going to get worse." With this statement they became very intent. I said, "Your problem is that you do not have a personal relationship with the Lord and until you both fix that part of your lives, God will only worsen your situation." Then I said, "I have good news for you. Christ wants to fix your lives right now and has sent me to help you receive Him if you are willing." After explaining to them how to establish this relationship with Christ, they both got saved. They were both weeping as Mayo said, "Pastor, I know that everything in my life is different now and that He will help me." When I returned in June, I was glad to see Mayo and Rossi in church.

For the two Sundays I was in the Dominican in June, the church was full with at least 20 people standing. By the end of the month, several had been saved and many made decisions to do more for the Lord. One man named Jose has been attending church for 2 years, though not faithfully. When I asked if he was saved, he would always respond that he was, yet in June he finally came forward and accepted the Lord.

Over 450 people attended the end of the year program for New Life Christian Academy. Many students and teachers received awards for their accomplishments. Resurrection Baptist Seminary finished its semester with 65 students and we expect 20 new students in September. While on my trip I was able to meet with leaders in 5 of our new church planting efforts and was very excited to learn of their progress. I also met with a national we will be helping to start a new church in September.

On a personal note, Chona's mother is doing well following her surgery in April. Please pray for my mother who has been hospitalized twice within 30 days. Our plan is to return to the D.R. in August. We thank God for your much needed prayers and support as we press forward with the work in the Dominican.

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A reminder that mission updates go out via email every 2 months. If you are not receiving them, it is because we do not have your email address. Please contact us to be added to this list.



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15 December to February 2013

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Dear Friends,

What a busy time it has been since I last shared news of the happenings in the DR. We were richly blessed by each and every event that the Lord gave us to perform for His glory.

In December we asked the members of our church to bring gifts for children at a nearby orphanage in the Santo Domingo area. Our members brought 60 gifts that were given to the children at the boys home. The activity consisted of singing, games, a message, and the gift distribution. I'm not sure who had the most fun, our members or the children, but one thing was very clear--everyone had a good time.



Also in December, we worked hard to have the best activity possible for our National Pastors. With the help of individuals and churches, we were able to provide the best Christmas ever during our past 21 years in the Dominican. Many people from our church donated all types of foods, plus we bought about \$2,000.00 in non-perishable items and candies for the National Pastors. We were also able to give each pastor an offering that brought honor and glory to our Lord. What blessing to see the joy and happiness of these men of God as they received what God had provided for them.

On February 3, New Life Baptist Church celebrated its 11th Anniversary with many activities and lots of food, both of which I always enjoy abundantly. This year, however, I was in the States on furlough and was unable to be there with the congregation. I was glad to hear that the church was overflowing with many visitors and many decisions were made for the Lord.



We ask that you would pray for Chona's mother who has been sick for the past 5 months and will be having an operation on the March 19. Please pray also for all the works in the DR and our son Jonathan and his family as they work there without our help until our return in August. Continue to pray for Resurrection Baptist Seminary as several pastors have brought new students that has increased our attendance from 55 to 65 for the spring semester.

Our time on furlough is going well with a full schedule of meetings and opportunities to share the work in the DR and our future plans. We are so thankful that He allows us to have a part in what He is doing in His Name. We thank God for your prayers and support.

In His Name,

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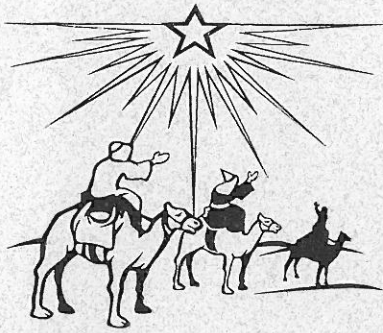
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Unto us a child is born . . .

Dear Friends,

October - December 2012

Once again we find ourselves in the holiday season and, as always, it seems the days go by so quickly. Time does seem to fly when we're busy doing the work of the Lord. It's a real blessing to have some time in the States to report about what God is doing in the Dominican Republic. To date, God has allowed me to visit 25 of our supporting churches and also to share our burden for the D.R. with 15 additional churches.

The first of December I returned to the Dominican to help Jonathan and Jeanine with all the ministry activities during Christmas. Each year we prepare for 4 large events: the National Pastor's Christmas; the Staff and Teacher Banquet; the Ladies Christmas Dinner and gift exchange; and the church wide Christmas Lunch which follows the morning service closest to Christmas. All of these events require much work and I was happy to help with the preparation.

This year we added another event that I am sure will become a yearly holiday tradition as well. Members from the congregation collected gifts for children at a nearby orphanage. Songs, games, and a message accompanied the gift distribution. I'm not sure who enjoyed the event most--our members or the children!

We are truly thankful for your prayers and support throughout the years and look forward to serving God with you in the years to come. Have a joyful Christmas and blessed New Year.

In His Name,

Ronnie & Chona Autrey

