
The Sidler Family

Serving Christ in the Dominican Republic



Dear Pastor and Praying Friends:

March 15, 2021

We send you greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from the Dominican Republic. Praise the Lord that some of the restrictions here have changed to make it easier for us to have the church schedule we believe God wants for us again. The nationwide curfew in the Dominican changed again several weeks ago from 7 p.m. on Monday-Fridays, and 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sundays. Now it is 9 p.m. on Monday-Fridays, and 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sundays.

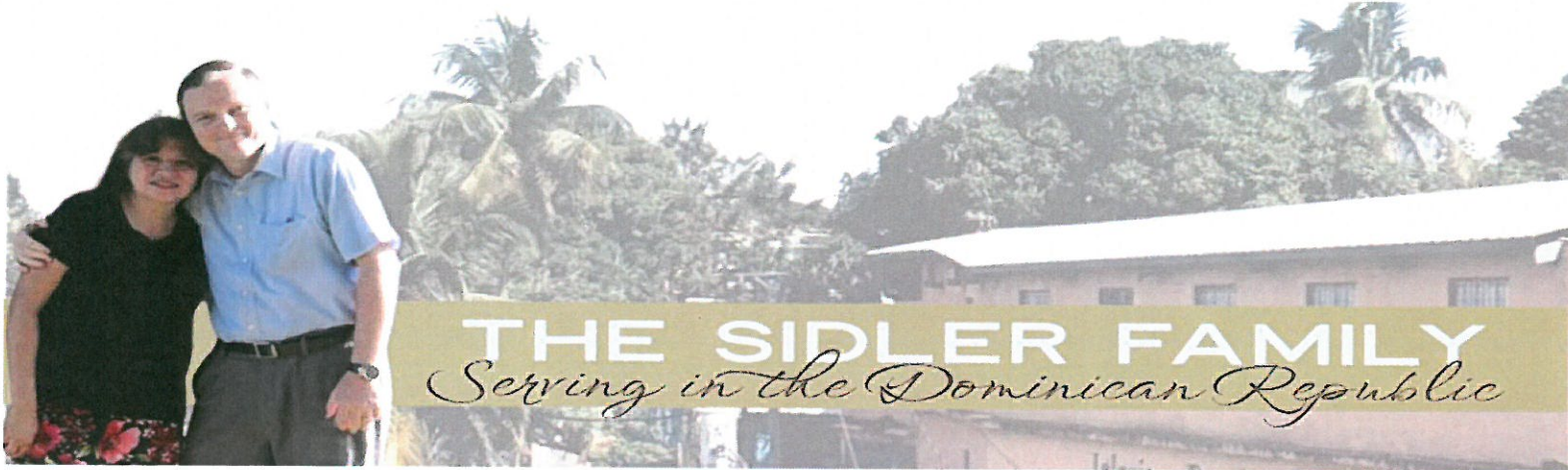
It is very exciting to us as well that the Lord has allowed us to start back up our organized soulwinning times. We will have a group that goes out on Friday mornings from 10-12, another group on Saturday mornings at 10-12, and another group who will visit on Saturday afternoons from 3-5 p.m. Although a good number of our people have been faithfully doing their best to reach as many people with the gospel as they could all along during the pandemic, we are all so very excited to be able to have our organized soulwinning times again.

Even though we have not been able to visit the way we usually do, we have been able to do some visits. Recently Brother Ricardo and I visited the home of Rodelfi, one of our young men who has been attending our church for many years. His mom and dad have been wanting me to come by and have a cup of coffee with them. They even bought some new coffee cups for our visit. (Ricardo is the walk-in route captain for that area.) During our visit we were so blessed that the Lord opened the door for us to witness to his mom, his older sister, his little brother, his aunt, and his adult cousin. They all got saved, praise the Lord! Please pray for them. Their names are: Damaris, Dasier, Fraili, Yaquelin, and Yaquiry.

The Lord also allowed me to make a visit to Brother Alcidez and Sister Dulce's house. They are the parents of Pastor Oliver. (Praise the Lord, Pastor Oliver went three weeks ago now to live and work full-time with his new church in the area of Fantino. Please pray that the Lord would provide for his family's needs. They have seen people saved and baptized already in the first few weeks that they have been there.) Back to Alcidez and Dulce – while visiting their home, they invited two ladies over - Wendy and Julia. Wendy also brought her daughter Loida. Praise the Lord that after witnessing to them, they received Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour! They have all been attending services since then. We are praying for them to get baptized. It is wonderful to see how the Lord is sending people to our church, allowing us to see people saved, people following the Lord in believer's baptism and growing in the Lord, even during these hard times!

There were two projects put on pause for a while with the pandemic. One was the purchase of a bus for our church. Our people were not very enthused about us looking to purchase a vehicle during the pandemic, as they could not be sure how clean and safe it would be with Covid-19 germs. Now that things have calmed down a lot, our men have been working hard on praying for a vehicle and looking at different opportunities. They looked at two buses today. The second project is that we will be starting construction of the roof on our multi-purpose building next door on our new property. This building will be a blessing to us in giving us some much needed extra room for our church.

The owner of our house we are renting for my family is selling her house, so we had to move. We thank the Lord that He provided a wonderful house for us to rent that is only 7-10 minutes from our church, and we moved last Wednesday! With the move, we changed our home phone number. The new phone is with a company called "Ooma", and will have a phone number in Florida. Of course, we do not live in Florida, nor do we have a house in Florida, but our phone number is from there. The new number is **850-600-5060**, and it will ring at our house here in the DR.



Dear Pastor and Praying Friends:

September 19, 2022

So much has happened since our last letter and we are so thankful to the Lord for His many, many blessings! When I wrote my last prayer letter, my wife and I came down with Covid. It was pretty bad. But we praise the Lord we got over it pretty quickly.

On the first week of August we had our annual Family Summer Camp. Pastor Tutt Tripp, from the Woodlawn Baptist Church, in Bowie, MD, came to preach for this special time. The Lord gave us 215 at camp this year! Thanks to all of those who helped sponsor with a financial gift towards camp, and of course, for those who prayed for the Lord to work at camp. Ten were called to preach, 7 got right with God, and 17 girls said that they believe that they should go to Bible college, marry a preacher, or just marry the right man. Of course, there were many other great decisions made. (I have attached some pictures from camp below).

We are also excited that we were able to get a much needed parking lot put in for our church on our new property next year. (I have also attached a picture with an aerial view of our building and new parking area. There is also an old house in the front of our building that is not ours. Lol)

God has given us a great group who have started up a new semester at our Bible College. We praise the Lord that He continues to call new laborers in His harvest, and for giving us the privilege of seeing them saved, disciplined, and trained for the work of the ministry. Please pray with us that the Lord would continue sending laborers into His harvest here in the Dominican Republic. There are so, so many places all over the country that desperately need the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thank you so much for your support, for being our friends, and for helping us plant churches here in the DR!

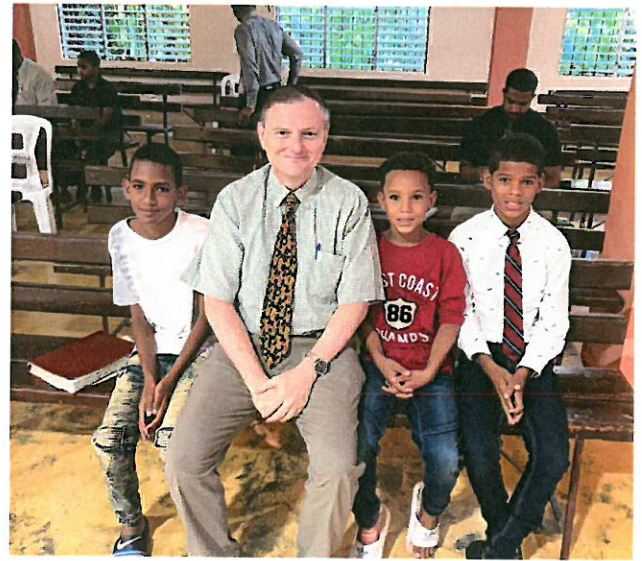
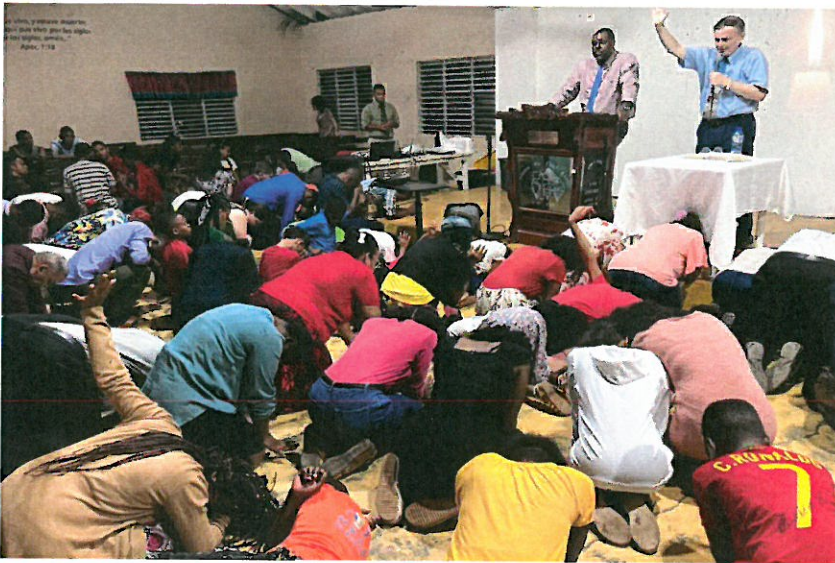
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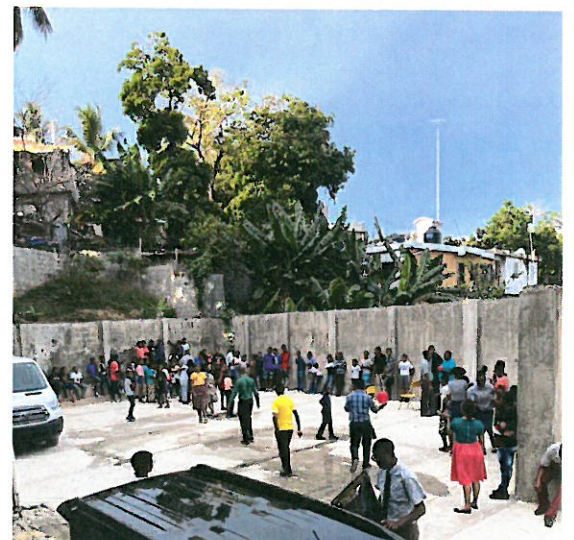


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Our church people love fellowshiping at the parking lot after the services.

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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends:

July 25, 2022

The last two years my family and ministry's lives have been in constant crisis. Everything that has happened has made me feel small and stand in awe of our great God's goodness! Do you consider yourself godly? Psalm 32:6 says – "For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found..." I sure am glad I can pray unto my God when floods of great problems come nigh unto me and my loved ones, that He will be our hiding place, that He will preserve us, that He will deliver us, and that he will continue to instruct, teach, and guide us in the way that we should go.

The Lord gave us some special activities in some of our churches over the last 2 months. On Friday night, June 24, we had a special service at our church in Barsequillo, with Pastor Leonardo, with 49 in attendance and 3 saved. On Saturday morning, June 25, we had a special service at our church in Manogayabo with Pastor Armando, with 44 in attendance and 7 saved. On Saturday evening, June 25, we had a special Youth Rally at our church in Quita Sueño with an attendance of 140 & 32 saved. On Sunday evening, June 26, we had a special service at our church in Fantino with Pastor Oliver, with 85 in attendance and 33 saved. Pastor Oliver was rejoicing in the Lord for 7 adult family members of his who were saved during this service! This last weekend we had our Vacation Bible School in Quita Sueño and God allowed us to see 208 children ask Jesus Christ to come into their hearts, forgive them of their sins, and take them to heaven when they die. The Lord also allowed us to baptize 11 of them. We will be discipling these kids, going after their parents, family members, and neighbors as well. It was exciting to see two twin 11 year old boys get baptized along with their mother. Their dad and sister are supposed to get baptized soon as well.

A week ago Sunday, after just finishing up Vacation Bible School, my wife and I came down with Covid-19. We getting better, but are not at 100% yet. We are certainly wanting to get better soon, so that we can be back in our church services and activities.

I wanted to say thank you, thank you, thank you, for those who have given a sacrificial offering to help sponsor one of our campers for this year's Family Summer Camp. This wonderful activity will be held in two weeks' time from the writing of this letter. God has provided for some new people to be able to come and for some folks who simply need a little help. We still need help for around 40 camps, which is around \$2,000. (\$50 per camper.) If the Lord lays on your heart to help with this great need and opportunity to invest in the lives these precious people, please send your offering to Steve Sidler, Summer Family Camp, BIMl, P.O. Box 9, Harrison, TN 37341. *Youth Conf. June 24/25.

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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends:

March 17, 2022

I pray you will join me, "as we look unto Jesus" during the year 2022, and in praying that the Lord would continue to call new laborers into His harvest here in the Dominican Republic. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Matthew 9:38

We thank the Lord for the special laborers that He sent to visit our 11 churches this February - Dr. and Mrs. Pat Creed, Pastor Dennis Leatherman, and Pastor Joe Schmidley. We want to thank them and their churches for their special offerings to help fix the roof problems with Pastor Fernando's church in Vietnam Santo Domingo, and for the door, windows, stairwell, floor, and other items for Pastor Felo's church in Loma de Cabrera.

Mostly because of the things associated with Covid, we were unable to work on the construction of our new facilities on our new land next door to our church for the past two years. Last week we put in a stairwell connecting our new parking lot to our church building, and we started prepping the ground to cement the parking area. After that is done, we will lay the foundation for our new Sunday School building. Please pray for us, as we are still praying that the Lord would provide us with the two small buses we are looking to purchase. The only way to bring a bus from the states is to bring a bus that is no older than six years old, and the buses that are already here are in great shortage. A vehicle dealer friend, who has helped many missionaries with vehicles, explained to me that there are very few buses in country right now and that those that are here are very, very overpriced. He recommended that we wait a few more months, as he thinks in a few months, we will have more options, and the prices should go down some by then. We have the funds set aside to get the buses when they come available, and, in the meantime, we have been able to rent a bus for a very good price. Please continue to pray.

Last Friday was my 40th Anniversary for being saved. (This June I will have been pastoring for 34 years, and I will have been a Missionary for 28 years.) On my salvation anniversary on Friday, I was witnessing to a 27 year old man named Michael. As I finished about half of my salvation plan presentation, Michael said, "I would like to receive Jesus Christ as my Saviour". However I made him wait until I finished my presentation. It reminded me of Peter, as he was preaching on the day of Pentecost and in the middle of his message the people said, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Acts 2:37. And then verse 40 says, "And with many other words did he testify and exhort..." I kind of think that maybe Peter, like me, felt he needed to finish a clear presentation of the gospel before he would encourage those folks to pray the sinner's prayer. If not, that is what I was thinking as far as Michael. Lol. Praise the Lord that Michael got saved when I finished sharing the gospel! He did not come to church on Sunday, but I am working to try to get him there this Sunday. Please pray for him.

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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends:

November 16, 2021

“O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.” (Psalm 95:1-2). We thank the Lord for what He has done with us here in the Dominican Republic over the last 25 years. Thank you for so much for your faithful prayer and financial support that have helped make it possible for us to freely serve our Lord here.

The first church we started in Quita Sueño celebrated its 24th Anniversary during the month of October. Instead of having one big day, the way we have done for years, we divided our celebration this time into three special Sundays. October 10th was a special day with the kids, October 17th was for the teenagers, and October 24th was for the adults. Of course we had kids, teens, and adults at church each Sunday, but the special emphasis was for each individual age group on those days. On the 10th there were 622 present and 99 professions of faith. On the 17th there were 312 present, 25 professions of faith, and 10 baptisms. And on the 24th there were 308 present, with 44 professions of faith and one baptism. There was a teenager who had been coming for just over a month, for whom I have been praying every day, but did not know his name. On the 24th, I was very surprised to see him in the baptistry to follow the Lord in believer’s baptism. His name is “Kendry”. We are so thankful that his parents gave him permission to get baptized that day!

For around 6 weeks now in the Dominican Republic, anyone who is not fully vaccinated cannot go to any type of store, cannot go to work, cannot get on public transportation, and cannot go anywhere at all other than the hospital, the airport, and church. We are afraid that even that may change soon. Everywhere you go they are checking for your vaccination cards. If someone was to falsify a card to try to get in somewhere, they have warned that they may put you in jail for up to 10 years. Many out of fear of losing their jobs or becoming outcasts have taken the shots. At this point, they are also giving the option of getting the extensive Covid test, and if it comes out negative, you can do all of your business for 7 days. Please pray for God’s protection and direction during those hard limitations.

Our son, Michael, is getting married on December 4th to Brynne Avila. We are so excited for them and are getting ready for this very special time in their lives. You may remember that Michael, in July, also just became a Maryland State Trooper. We sure are proud of him!

At our church in Quita Sueño, we are getting ready for our Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 5th, the Christmas Banquet on Sunday, December 19th, and our Christmas Play on Sunday, December 26th. Thank you so very much for making it possible for us getting the gospel to the Dominican Republic, for helping us start 11 churches, and helping us place a pastor in another church. We pray that you, your family, and your church have a wonderful Christmas Season. God bless you!

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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends:

September 22, 2021

We send you greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from the Dominican Republic.

In our last letter I mentioned our Summer Family Camp. Praise the Lord our camp program turned out great! There were a total of 182 campers, we saw 18 saved at camp, and we baptized 12. Twenty-seven young ladies said that they believed that the Lord wanted them to serve Him full-time, be a missionary, or marry a pastor. Twenty-three young men said they believed that the Lord was calling them to pastor or to serve Him full-time. There were also many other great decisions made for the Lord at camp! We thank Pastor James Vaughn, from the Wards Hill Baptist Church in Warwick, Maryland, who preached for our camp. We also thank the churches and individuals who sponsored some of our campers this year, making it possible for many new people to go to camp.

Our Bible College, the Mount Calvary Baptist Bible College, also had its graduation, and the Lord gave us a wonderful time as well! There were six who got their "Theology Degrees", one who received a "Diploma in Theology", three who received a "Two Year Certification in Bible Studies", five who received a "One Year Certification in Bible Studies", and seventeen who received other special certificates of recognition for their hard work in our College. We are now in our fourth week of classes in our Bible College for this semester. There are 25 enrolled for this semester. This is with our regular classes and our Junior Bible Institute as well, which is for the teenagers who want to take some classes.

In two weeks I will be preaching for Pastor Oliver in Fantino for his church's three year anniversary celebration. The church anniversary for the first church we started here in the Dominican Republic, in Quita Sueño, is also during the month of October. Pastor José Manuel just finished up his anniversary celebration last month, Pastor Wellington has his church anniversary coming up in October, Pastor Armando has his anniversary in November, and Pastor Felo's church anniversary is in January. Praise the Lord for all of these wonderful churches that God has allowed us to start here in the Dominican Republic and for the Pastors who have all been saved, baptized, and trained for the work of the ministry at our church in Quita Sueño and at our Bible College in Quita Sueño.

It has probably been the same for you, but we have had a hard time over the last year or so encouraging people to get baptized, because of fear of Covid 19. You already read that we baptized 12 at camp. But we have also baptized one kid, one man, two ladies, and two other ladies from our deaf ministry during the last few weeks. Praise the Lord!

God bless you, thank you for being our friends, and for your faithful support of us to serve the Lord here in the Dominican Republic.

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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends:

July 28, 2021

We send you greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from the Dominican Republic. Praise the Lord, I am doing much better now in recovering from my surgery. I had to preach sitting down for about a month, and now I have been able to stand to preach, I am able to walk around, and am able to do most everything. Precaution is still needed to make sure that I do not get a hernia with lifting or even too much walking. Thank you for your prayers.

Things have been moving very quickly this summer, as most restrictions have been lifted from Covid 19. We have been able to have our normal summer activities, plus we are trying to play catch-up (like I am sure many of you are doing). Our normal Summer Family Camp was not held last year; however, we are going to have it this summer. The date is usually the first week of July, but we changed the date because public schools here are letting out on July 29 for a very short break until the end of August. So we are going to have our Summer Family Camp on August 16-19. The camp has always been such a special event for us where we have seen many get their lives right with the Lord, others called to serve the Lord in a full-time basis, and different folks move into a more inner circle of Christian growth at our church. Pastor Oliver had an offer to play baseball with the Atlanta Braves, and Pastor Fernando with the Cleveland Indians. They were both called to preach at our summer camps and are now pastoring. Praise the Lord! There are many people who would love to go to camp, if the Lord were to provide the finances. If you would be interested in helping sponsor a camper this year, you can do so for \$50 a camper. That is a good price, however, is a whole lot of money for most Dominicans, because most of our people only make a couple hundred dollars a month. It would really be a great investment in their lives if you were able to send a special offering to: *Steve Sidler, Summer Family Camp, BIMJ, P.O. Box 9, Harrison, TN 37341.*

In addition to our camp, we are also having our Mount Calvary Baptist Bible College graduation on August 15th. Pastor James Vaughn, from the Wards Hill Baptist Church in Warwick Maryland, will be preaching for our graduation and for our camp.

In the middle of all of these summer activities, we were able to celebrate the graduation from the Maryland State Trooper Academy of our son Michael, on July 15th. He is now a Maryland State Trooper, so be careful as you drive through Maryland! He is stationed in Forestville, Maryland. Michael and his fiancé, Brynne, will be getting married on December 4th of this year.

It is so wonderful to be able to go out soulwinning again in our church communities. We are seeing folks saved each week and more and more visitors coming to our church again. Last week the bus driver of a vehicle we have been renting was saved and baptized. He has been attending both Sunday services and our mid-week service for 2 months now.

The owner of the home we lived in for the last 5 years is selling her home, so we had to move. The Lord gave us a real nice home so much closer to our church, in a very nice and a very safe neighborhood. We don't even have to leave our neighborhood to get to the grocery store. Most of the places of business and our church are now 5-10 minutes away, whereas we had to travel 30 minutes to get anywhere before. We are thankful to our Lord for this blessing!

God bless you, thank you for being our friends, and for your faithful support of us to serve the Lord here in the Dominican Republic.

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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends:

May 24, 2021

We send you greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from the Dominican Republic. A whole lot has happened since my last letter. Over the past four years I have been in and out of the emergency room, and have had extensive test done by specialists because of some stomach problems and the passing of blood. They always pumped me full of liquids, gave me some shots, and said it looked like I had a virus of some kind. Three weeks ago, I spent all day on Sunday in the hospital again with bad stomach problems and loss of appetite. After checking me over they sent me home again after they pumped me full of liquids and gave me medicine. I ran a high fever for 24 hours. Finally, one of the men from the church came to see me and took my temperature. I was shaking uncontrollably. I had a fever of 105 degrees. He rushed me to the doctors. This time the Lord gave the emergency room doctor wisdom and she figured out that it was my appendix. She told my personal doctor that she thought it was my appendix, they ran a bunch of test (the first being a Covid test, which came out negative). Then a surgeon doctor told me that it was my appendix and they needed to do an emergency surgery. My wife was out of country, as she was dropping off my daughter Sarah to spend the summer with her sister, Angela, in the states. Nohemy, my wife, came and made it in time for the surgery. The doctor said it was very bad, but that he would not know how bad until he cut me open. Once he got me open, the surgery that he thought would take 20 minutes took 3 and a half hours. My appendix had joined up with my colon, my colon had wrapped itself around the appendix keeping it from rupturing completely. It, however, was already perforated and was leaking poison all over my insides already, and was about to explode completely at any minute. There was also a tumor in the appendix. He said that there was a lot of damage done on the inside, but he took out the appendix and part of my colon. I have a cut on my body from my chest all the way down to way below my belly button. Yesterday the doctor wanted to take out the 50 staples, but he took out five and said that it is not healed up and closed yet. So we will see next week when we go to the doctor's. I have to be really careful not to break anything open again on the inside or the outside. I have to be careful to avoid a hernia as well. Praise the Lord, that I am alive. I sincerely did feel at many points that I really wasn't going to make it. Thank you for your prayers and I know that many are just hearing now about what happened.

We all know that we are just simple servants of the Lord saved by His grace and that we have the great privilege of serving Him. The first Sunday, 3 weeks ago, when I spent all day in the hospital, we were finishing up a wonderful Mission's Conference in our church here. I was not able to be there for the last service, but on that day we ordained 5 of our men for the gospel ministry. Brother Oliver, Brother Armando, Brother Carlos, Brother Ricardo, and Brother Delmiro were ordained. It was definitely an Acts 13 experience! Now, this last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday we had a Vacation Bible School for the kids in our church. Many kids attended, many were saved, and the kids put on a special program for their parents on Sunday. I was able to be there for the first time in 3 weeks. The doctor said it is good for me to move around a little bit like that, but that I cannot stand to preach or even preach sitting right now. Praise the Lord for the faithful men and preacher boys in our church, around 15, who are able to preach with a good sermon and a good life, at the drop of the hat.

Two of the absolutely best Christians I have ever known are my Uncle Paul Arcand and my Aunt Debbie. Debbie is my mom's sister. Paul and Debbie invested in my brother, my sister, and my life years ago as children, taking us back and forth to church with them at Morningside Baptist Church with Pastor Bob Fry. Of course, I grew up also going back and forth to Independent Baptist Church in Clinton MD, in the bus ministry with different bus captains, where my pastor, Dr. Pat Creed was pastor. But my Uncle and Aunt loved us and lived such a godly life in our presence that it forever impacted my life. My Aunt has been battling with Alzheimer's for years, and went home to the Lord early this morning. Please pray for my Uncle Paul, my cousin, Pastor Paul Arcand, and for all of my family members at this time.

Although the pandemic has changed so many of our schedules, it is great to see how God is working in such a great way here. The weekend I ended up in the hospital to have my emergency operation, I was able to win one man, 3 ladies, and 2 children to the Lord. I told each of them, that if they came to visit us at church on Sunday, there was no guarantee that I would be alive. (That is what I usually tell people, emphasizing to them the brevity of life, and the importance of using the rest of our lives to serve our Saviour). Of course I had no idea how close I would come to really not being here in this side of glory, but I thank my Saviour for His mercy!

We are getting ready to start a three stage building program for our new building on our land next door to our present church building. We really need the room for Sunday School and for parking. I believe that the Lord has kept a hold on this project until right now. God sure does know best! I will keep you informed as to this process.

God bless you my friends! Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support in helping us get gospel preaching churches planted here for the precious people of the Dominican Republic!

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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends:

January 24, 2021

As a new Christian in March of 1982 my Youth Pastor, Brother Eugene Nichols, encouraged me to work on Bible memorization to clean up my mind, my body, and my life. He gave me many verses to memorize, which I did with great enthusiasm! One of those portions of scripture which I memorized at that time is so pertinent to what I and we all are going through today. During these trying times in our lives, we can still do what Brother Nichols encouraged me to do all those years ago from Proverbs 3:5-6. "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Thank you, Brother Nichols, for your love of the Lord then and for loving me and for counselling me then to do what I still need to be doing today in my life and ministry!

The theme for our church and my life for this year is "Two or Three in His Name". Many times I have been so busy and consumed with trying to be and do so many things for so many people that the two or three have slipped through the cracks. I have not always felt really bad about that, because most didn't slip through the cracks. Now many things have changed, and many doors are closed. However, not all doors are closed! My Pastor, Pastor Mike Creed, told me recently, "Steve, here at Independent, we are looking at what we can do instead of what we can't do." What a great encouragement that was to me! There is so, so very much that we can do for the Lord!

Since my first visit to the Dominican Republic 27 years ago, the Dominican has always been a place where the doors have been wide open for evangelism. Others here may have had a different experience, but since this pandemic there has been a fear from people in our community of us spreading COVID-19 to their homes and communities. So we have not been able to door knock in a mass evangelism effort the way we have in the past. Realizing this, but realizing that there are still so many open doors available to us to get the gospel out, I have asked our people to consider reaching 2 or 3 people in Jesus' name. We still go to the grocery store, to the gas station, to restaurants, back and forth to work, etc. We have an opportunity to continue to reach our friends, our neighbors, our co-workers, and maybe even reach them in a way that we did not before. We have started "Operation Two or Three" in our church (Operación Dos o Tres) and will be organizing, encouraging, and helping one another do all we can to reach 2 or 3 in His name. Maybe some will reach 2 or 3 a week, in winning them to the Lord, or in witnessing to them, or in loving on them and helping them. Maybe others will reach 2 or 3 in a month. And maybe others still will reach 2 or 3 during this year. We will be giving testimonies each week of what God is doing in our lives in going through the doors of opportunity that God opens to us each week, and sharing miracles that God does!

One open door is that Brother Oliver and his wife Elizabeth will be going to Fantino to work there full-time. They have been going there on the weekends and having a Saturday service and Sunday services, because they did not have the finances to be there full-time. They still have the financial need, but have decided to go there and trust the Lord to provide with what they have coming in. I personally, and our church, will do all we can to help them, but please pray for them.

My wife and I have been working with a couple named Ronny and Marly, a young couple who has been recently saved and attending our church. We are going to have a meal at their home this coming week. During our midweek service, this week, they let me know that they want to follow the Lord in believer's baptism. They and many others in our church have really grown from listening to a daily message that I have sent to them over the WhatsApp application. It has been exciting to see them and many of our people who have gone from having no church services to having 2-3 a week, and having the service times change 10 different times with different schedules because of nation-wide curfews that the government has imposed. Presently our services are Thursdays at 5-6 p.m., Sunday School at 9-10 a.m., Sunday morning service at 10-11 a.m., and

Sunday afternoon service at 4-5 p.m. Our building has been able to be comfortably full, with social distancing requirements being obeyed. God has worked in all of our lives in a wonderful way.

I close this letter for now, saying thank you for helping us keep the doors open for the gospel here in the Dominican Republic. Our 12 churches are all trying to stay faithful in walking through the doors of great opportunity that God has for us! As I mentioned in the beginning of my letter – thank you, Brother Nichols for encouraging me through Bible memorization to “In all my ways acknowledge Him, so that He can continue to direct my path”. We are so excited to see what God is going to do here this year in each of us reaching 2 or 3 in His name!

Your friends and servants in the Dominican Republic,

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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends:

November 18, 2020

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. This now is the coldest time of the year here. Today the weather was in the mid 80's, and tonight it is supposed to get down to 72 degrees. Sometimes in the winter it gets as cold as 65 degrees at night, which is extremely cold for us after living here for 25 years.

After waiting for so long for things to change here, we still have a curfew of 9 p.m. on Monday through Fridays, and 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sundays. We, of course, are wearing masks, and are taking all of the social distancing measures recommended to protect people while at our church services. Our services are starting earlier and finishing earlier to get everyone home on time, but we thank the Lord that we are able to hold services.

Today I went soulwinning with two of our men and we saw a man named "Polo" saved and a lady name "Leo" saved. Praise the Lord! We also thank the Lord for the liberty to be able to soulwin. Of course, we are also being careful to use masks and to be gracious in how we approach people.

In addition to being able to hold our normal church services again and have our Bible Institute classes (although we are having to adjust our schedules) – we have also been able to start our Sunday School classes back up, we have started our choir singing again, and we started holding our men's, lady's, and teen societies again. God has given us a group of people who have been faithful and who are expressing a great desire to be a part of our church. It seems that those who are coming, after having lost some of our freedoms to assemble for quite a while, now appreciate so much more being at our church services, and some are becoming more involved than ever.

This Saturday Brother Carlos Mora and Sarah Fish are going to get married in our church. Carlos was saved in our ministry, has grown up in our church, has been faithful in our walk-in route ministry, has taught Sunday School, works in Junior Church, sings in the choir, has graduated from our Bible Institute, and is an interim worker in our church as he prepares to serve the Lord full-time. Sarah has come to be serve the Lord here in the Dominican Republic. The Lord has put Carlos and Sarah together and they will be working full-time starting churches here in the Dominican Republic. We are so excited for them!

As we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, we want to thank our God for the great, great privilege we have to serve Him here in the Dominican Republic. We also want to express our thanks to you for your faithful prayer and financial support, and for being our friends and co-laborers as we serve the Lord here in the Dominican Republic.

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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends:

September 15, 2020

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. It was such a relief that the long restrictions were over of a 7 p.m. curfew, from Monday through Fridays, and a Saturday through Sunday curfew of 5 p.m. However, the day our curfew ended, we received the message that the government had extended the same curfew through Sunday, October 18th. That will be the week before our church anniversary. When the pandemic started, our attendance was growing, and even after the shut-downs, when we were given permission to do our normal services again, all of the services started growing, even without providing any type of transportation even until now. Then we got shut down again and can only have a Sunday morning service and a Thursday service at 3 p.m. as our mid-week service. There is a very good spirit in our services, although I have been concerned that we have very little visitors and have seen very few professions of salvation. I am sure that the story is similar with many of you.

On August 29th, our Bible Institute classes started up again for the fall semester. There are 23 students in Quita Sueño, and others enrolled in our Institutes in Loma de Cabrera, Los Frailes, and Vietnam. It is exciting to see folks who are continuing to prepare to serve the Lord full-time and some others who are taking classes to simply have a better knowledge and use of the Word of God.

Our theme for October 2020 through October 2021 will be "Two or Three in His Name". I am encouraging our people, even during this pandemic time, for each of us to pray for and to work towards reaching and helping two to three new people during the next 12 months.

The Lord has been providing for the stuccoing of the multi-use building on our new land, and praise the Lord we are almost done with it! We are still praying that the Lord would provide us with \$5,000 to pave or cement the floors, and another \$5,000 to put a roof on the multi-use building. We also are so thankful for the funds the Lord provided for us to purchase one of our church buses. The pandemic has prevented us from being able to acquire a vehicle, so far. Please pray that the Lord would give us a good vehicle to use for His honor and glory, to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Also, please pray for the needs of the pastors of our different churches. They have all experienced different financial struggles, health issues, and challenges that the Corona Virus has brought this year. Pray for Pastor Wellington, Pastor José Manuel, Pastor Fernando, Pastor Felo, Pastor Leonardo, Pastor Oliver, Pastor Armando, and Pastor Adrón. (Pastor Fernando pastors 3 churches, and pastor Felo pastors 2.) All of these guys struggle with the needs that their new church brings. Some are meeting in the patio of one of their member's home, some are renting buildings for their services, others have land and are trying to build a building, and a couple have their own building now. They all have different needs, as we all do. The newer churches are struggling greatly getting their people to come back to church with COVID-19, but the older churches have a faithful core that has stayed faithful. Thank you for making it possible for us to plant churches and see the precious Dominican people come to know our Saviour, and especially for your faithful support during these hard times!

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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends:

July 15, 2020

We send you warm greetings from the DR. After the long quarantine, we have had services now for 6 weeks and have had about half of our normal attendance. A faithful core of adults, families and a few kids are coming. We have not been using our bus, as we are trying to avoid the spread of COVID-19. There are still some of our people who have not come back. I believe some haven't come back because they are afraid of their kids getting sick. **It looks like the shut-down is getting ready to start over here. The government wants to have a 45 day state of emergency and then maybe extend it longer than that. We pray that we can still have church services! We should know more details next week after they vote on it.**

Please pray for all of our churches here. Pastor Felo in Loma de Cabrera and Dajabón, Pastor Wellington in Kilometer 8 of the capital, Pastor José Manuel in Los Frailes, and Pastor Fernando in Vietnam, La Nueva Barquita, and Wachupita – all seem to be doing well as far as their people coming back. They have been having around half of their normal group. With the newer churches pastored by Pastor Leonardo in Barsequillo, Pastor Oliver in Los Frailes, and Pastor Armando in Manoguayabo – it seems like the newer Christians have had a slower return to church. Also, as of now, Pastor Wellington, Pastor Oliver, Pastor Delmiro, (as well as different members of our different churches), have either been let go from their secular jobs or have been suspended until further notice. Please pray for them as they struggle to make ends meet.

One of the places in the country where the COVID-19 cases has been on the rise here in the Dominican Republic is the area where our church is in Quita Sueño. We are in the community of Haina and the Province of San Cristobal, which has been a hot-bed for new cases and many deaths. We have had 6 cases of people from our church so far with the virus, but, up to this point, all have recovered.

As you have noticed through our prayer letters and reports throughout the years, the Dominican people are generally very open and gracious with you when you give them a tract, when you invite them to church, and when you try to share the gospel with them. Even with their kind reception of us when we share the gospel, we definitely try to do our best to be thorough with our preaching and soulwinning, to make sure we explain repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. However, with the quarantines, and now the fear of the virus, we do not have the same opportunities we have had for years. The people definitely do not want us to be knocking on their doors right now, and to this point, not even the members of our church want us to visit them in their homes. We, like you, are not able to visit folks in the hospital. (Not even their family members are able to do that.) Even the very few that have visited us at our church since we started services again have not allowed us to visit them in their homes. We sure do pray that the Lord would open the doors again that we had open before.

Thank you so, so, so very much for your faithful prayer and financial support during this time! We are so thankful that during this pandemic we have been to stay here by our people's side and continue to serve them! God bless you my friends!

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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends:

May 16, 2020

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. At present, we are still on lockdown, with a curfew from 5 p.m. until 6 a.m. each day, and grocery stores, pharmacies, and what they consider essential facilities and jobs in operation. Something positive about the curfew at night is that it has kept criminals from taking advantage of the crisis and breaking into homes at night. There are over 50,000 who have been detained in the country so far for breaking curfew. The electric companies have done a great job in giving us better electric service during the last two months than I have ever seen here in the country. Nohemy, Sarah, and I are healthy, and we have plenty of food, water, toilet tissue, hand sanitizer, masks, and gloves.

The people of our 12 churches all seem to be doing well during this time. There are a few of them that have gotten the Corona Virus, but none from our churches have died to this point. Some of the people have lost their jobs and will have to look for a new one after the lockdown is over. Congress, here, voted the other day to extend the lockdown from May 17 until June 2. Lord willing, things will start back up on June 2, providing they do not decide to extend everything again. *We are very sad that for the first time in over 20 years we had to cancel our summer camp program for this year. The camp facility administrator said that everyone has cancelled their camp for this year.*

We have been able to help with giving some food to some of our people on different occasions over the last 2 months. Special attention is being given to those that we know have special needs for food, medicine, and other needs and emergencies. One very important thing is the preaching that the people are not able to get at church now, as we have not been able to have any type of service or church activity for over two months. I send a preaching message to our people each day, and send three special children's lessons a week to our folks for the kids. There are a good number of new people, friends, neighbors, family members, and just random people who have requested that I send them a daily message as well. God is glorifying Himself through the preaching of His word in this way. There are some people who have gotten saved, are growing in the Lord, one older lady is going to get baptized as soon as we can baptize, and there are a good number who did not come to church before who are saying they will be there after the crisis. We also are sending out a daily prayer list. It has been exciting to see God answer prayer!

Please pray that the Lord would keep our people healthy, that He would provide for their food, medicines, rents, electricity, water, etc. Also pray for the jobs for those who have lost their jobs, and that God would give us wisdom when we are given the "go" to start having church services and activities again. God bless you and thank you for you for being our friends!

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**To this point - 11,320 confirmed cases of COVID-19
here in the Dominican Republic and 422 deaths.**

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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends:

March 18, 2020

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. I started writing this letter on March 10th, got interrupted with different issues, and now we are in the middle of dealing with the issues of the Corona Virus, with the entire world. Our situation here is pretty much the same as the states and around the world.

The government here is asking everyone to be extremely careful to avoid the spread of the virus. Many of the same measures are being implemented here as the states – with travel restrictions, school closings, business closings, only supermarkets, pharmacies, gas stations and other places open. I think there are still other types of stores open, but they are being very careful to avoid being in groups. It does not look like we will be able to hold regular church services for at least two weeks. My biggest concern is for many of our mostly poor people who live from hand to mouth. They just make enough daily to be able to survive. Please pray that God would give us wisdom, protection, and provision to help them meet their needs during the next couple of weeks and beyond.

Our last letter mentioned that Dr. and Mrs. Pat Creed from my home church, Pastor Lou Guarneri, from the Straightway Baptist Church, in New Jersey, and Pastor and Mrs. Denver DeKeyser from the Faith Baptist Church of Angola, Indiana, were coming to be with us to help us with some modular Bible Institute classes. The Lord allowed us to visit 9 of our 12 churches while they were here. What a wonderful time we had! On the Sunday they were here we saw 8 saved and baptized 2 at our church in Quita Sueño. One of the baptisms was a young lady from our deaf ministry. Her dad came back this past Sunday and got saved! The deaf ministry is really growing with the Lord working miracles in the lives of many precious deaf people.

The Lord has provided the funds for us to get started on one of the 4 projects we needed to do on our new church land, and for us to purchase one of our buses. We are almost done with that phase of the construction. We are still lacking the \$15,000 for the other 3 projects. Please pray that the Lord would provide \$8,000 for the second bus and the other \$15,000 for the 3 building projects. I am mentioning our building and bus projects in this letter, even with the Corona Virus issue, as I did not want to be ungrateful for the help that some of you already gave for these 2 projects. Thank you so, so very much for those who helped with these projects already!

I will close for now, but please know that we are praying for you during these hard times, as we are sure you are praying for us a well. May the Lord bless, provide, and protect you during these times!

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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends:

January 21, 2020

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. God has given us a wonderful Christmas season with special activities such as our Christmas Concert, our Christmas Banquet, our Christmas Play, and many other special Christmas and New Years activities. Our Bible Institute started up its spring semester this past Monday night. In addition to our regular Institute classes, we have continued special Monday night Junior Bible Institute classes.

Next month Dr. and Mrs. Pat Creed from my home church, Pastor Lou Guarneri, from the Straightway Baptist Church, and Pastor and Mrs. Denver DeKeyser from the Faith Baptist Church of Angola, Indiana, will be coming to be with us to help us with some modular Bible Institute classes on "The Family" and "Commitments". Our people are excited about what God is going to do during this special time.

My aunt Gladys Cereghin from Grace Baptist Church of Smyrna, DE, passed away this past Sunday at 77 years of age. She was a fine Christian lady, and the son of the Pastor of her church, Dr. John Cereghin. She is now in heaven with our Lord Jesus, with my Grandma, my Mamaw, my dad and many others who are waiting for us in glory! Please pray for her family at this time. The funeral will be this Saturday, January 25, 2020.

The theme for our church for 2020 is "Growing in the Work of the Lord". We are asking the Lord to help us grow spiritually as well as numerically. We don't have a time frame yet for our next church plant, but we are praying that the Lord would allow us to start a church on the "Prolongación 27 de Febrero" soon. This is a very heavily populated area with very little gospel outreach located between our home and our church.

May the Lord richly bless you my friends! Please pray with us that 2020 will be a year of great growth in our personal lives, our family, and our ministry!

Your Friends and Servants in the Dominican Republic,

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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends:

November 19, 2019

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. The weather has been extremely cool here lately! We have had some nights when it has actually gotten down to 69 degrees!

The past two months of been a flurry of activity. Pastor Oliver had me preach for his one year church anniversary at our church in Fantino. We saw a good number saved during some special services over the weekend, and Oliver had his first baptismal service, baptizing 9 that day! Another special service was held at our church in Barsequillo on Friday, September 27th with Pastor Leonardo. His church services have been held in the front yard of one the church members for months, but God has given us a nice little building to rent for the services now. The Lord also allowed us to have special services in our brand new church in Manoguayabo with Pastor Armando on September 28th-29th. Pastor Armando had his services on a sidewalk in front of a metal shop for six months, but now the Lord has provided a building we are renting for him! This church has just turned one year old.

On October 6th, Pastor Wellington's church celebrated it's 40th church anniversary. Wellington has been the pastor there now for a number of years, although he did not start the church. God is greatly blessing Pastor Wellington's ministry! Also, on October 13, the Lord allowed me to preach for Missionary Eric Johnson, who had a mission church that they were officially turning over as a local church with their pastor, Pastor Elias. God is blessing this church greatly! Then at the end of October, on the 27th, our church in Quita Sueño celebrated its 22nd church anniversary. What a great day we had! It was exciting to see folks saved, baptized, and now, weeks later, to see a good number who have remained faithful in coming to our church services. One more blessing is that Pastor José Manuel, who has been pastoring our church in Los Frailes for 9 years, was finally able to purchase a piece of land to put up their own church building. Their church paid for half of the property, and the Calvary Baptist Church, of Turner, Maine, with Pastor Steve Christner, paid the other half. We want to express our sincere appreciation to Pastor Christner and the Calvary Baptist Church for their generosity in helping this church finally to be ready to build their own church building.

We also finally got permission from the local government to start building on the land next door to our church in Quita Sueño. We are building a multiuse parking area – which will basically be a pathed parking lot with a tin roof over it, along with some basketball hoops for the teenagers. There are three parts of this for which we are praying that the Lord would provide the funds. 1. Retainer wall - \$4300 2. Stucco of walls in multiuse center (inside & out) - \$3800 3. Cement floor inside building & driveway - \$5600. *We are also working on the price of the roof, but I do not have the estimate cost for that yet.

In addition to making us wait so long to give us permission to build, the mayor of our community now has asked us not to use our yellow school buses anymore. He said they are too big for our community's streets, which is true, but it has put us in a real bind for transportation for our people. We are praying that the Lord would provide us with two smaller buses that are commonly used here. Please pray that the Lord would provide for two of these smaller buses for \$8000 per bus.

May the Lord richly bless you my friends! We pray that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends:

September 17, 2019

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. I joke quite a lot about the weather, but it really has been extremely hot during the last two months. The electricity here, through the years, is really bad, then it gets a little better, a little better, and then it gets pretty good. Then all of a sudden it gets really bad again. Right now, we are back in the really bad phase again. Yesterday our electricity was off for 9 hours, and from what I understand, it has been that way all over the country over the last several weeks. It is even hotter with no electricity! (Welcome to the Dominican Republic!)

Pastor Scott London and a group of young people, from the Bethel Baptist Church of Graham, NC, were with us at the end of July. They helped us with a Vacation Bible School for the kids, and a special Teen Youth Rally. Praise God, between both activities we saw 167 professions of faith! Then, a few weeks later, some great friends, Bro. Eliseo, his wife, Norma, their kids, Julian & Ivana, and Warner & Madelina Ochoa came to be with us. What a great time we had with them! Bro. Eliseo is a police officer in Washington, D.C. and he always is such a blessing to my family and church when he and his family visit us!

Since April, we have been working on trying to receive a shipment of gospel tracts and books of Romans from the Beacon of Truth Ministries. Tracts, Bibles, and portions of Scripture are invaluable here, as most people receive them when you give them out. Of course, the devil knows that, so he did everything he could to keep us from getting access to this gospel literature. The broker we were using ended up being a thief, who took the container and two pallets of tracts & Romans and put them into his name, he created fraudulent paperwork, he had someone in customs hold up our shipment on purpose, he informed them that there were other things other than tracts and Romans in the shipment, and the bill ended up going up to \$45,000 with all of the trickery he pulled. God intervened, and he put two generals close to the President, the President himself, the Director of Port Authority, the Director of Customs, the Director of the shipping company "Navieras", the Sub-director of Technical Problems with Customs, and many other people in our path to help us. Let me say that we are so very thankful to each and everyone of them for absolutely bending over backwards to help us resolve getting our tracts and Romans and exonerating almost all charges. We, of course, praise the Lord, but we also thank these kind people for allowing the Lord to use them to help make this gospel literature available to the Dominican people, who we love!

Our church in Fantino is going to have its 1st church anniversary this coming weekend, I just preached for our 9th church anniversary for our church in Los Frailes, our new church in Manoguayabo will have its 1st anniversary in November, I am going to preach for Pastor Wellington's 40th anniversary on October 6th (he did not start this church, but has been there for about 9 years), and we will have the 22nd anniversary for the first church we started in Quita Sueño on October 27th. We have another church in an area called Wachupita that is not even a year old yet. I am praying about some other areas where we want to start works. Please pray for us as we try to do what we can before it is too late!

Our Bible Institute has started up for the semester. My night of teaching is Monday nights. My first class has 14 enrolled in it and 26 in the second class, with the Jr. Bible Institute students included. I allow the teenagers who want to take classes in our Institute to so on Mondays to help encourage them in looking forward to the day when they can take all of the classes in our Institute. It is exciting to see what God is doing in each of their lives! Thank you for helping make all the things we have mentioned in this letter possible. God bless you my friends!

Your Friends and Servants in the Dominican Republic,

Steve Sidler

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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends:

April 30, 2019

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. Since our last letter, the Lord allowed us to make a quick visit to the states to be in a number of meetings. God blessed in a great way! We are so thankful to the churches who make it possible with their prayer and financial support for us to serve the Lord here in the Dominican Republic.

As soon as we got back here to the Dominican Republic, the weekend of the beginning of Easter week, the Patuxent Baptist Church of Great Mills, where Pastor Rick Conner is pastoring, came to visit us. They brought a group of 27. We had special services while they were here and painted the outside and inside of our church building. That first weekend Bro. Juan came back to our church. He was a backslidden man who attended our church years ago, but game back to the Lord! We never fall that we don't take somebody with us, but you can say the same thing about getting right with the Lord. Juan brought two new people with him – Jorge Luis and Genesis. They both got saved and then Genesis followed the Lord in believer's baptism on Resurrection Sunday! During the painting with Patuxent's group, under the direction of Brother Tullos, Juan and his friend Jorge helped greatly. Our building is three floors, which means that the only way for us to paint it is to use scaffolding. Because of the possible danger on the top of the scaffolding, I only allowed adults, who wanted to help there, to do so. Juan and Jorge were two of the best workers for the two days we painted. During the first day of the two-day project, Juan and Jorge left for a few minutes and then came back with two big pieces of bamboo. They then connected their paint rollers to the bamboo poles and used their rollers to paint the tallest part of the building. They and everyone who helped worked so hard and did such a great job! Praise the Lord that the building turned out beautiful with its new paint job! We thank Patuxent's church group for their kindness to us during their visit with our family and our ministry!

Now, I want to emphasize a very, very important upcoming event in our church. The most profitable activity of each year in our ministry here is our Summer Family Camp. Some of you may remember from past letters that two of our pastors, Pastor Fernando and Pastor Oliver were both offered contracts to play professional baseball in the states, but they did not accept the offers, because God called them to preach at our summer camp program. Camp is only \$50 per camper, however, although that is a good price in the state's economy, it is a very big amount of money for most people here. Many of our people work hard during the year to raise money to pay for their camp and for other people's camp, but I sacrifice personally and try to raise funds to help some new people go to camp each year. I am praying that the Lord would allow me to raise \$4,000 this year to help with camp. I want to ask you to prayerfully consider helping us with a special offering for camp this year. **If you would be able to help, you can send your donation to BIMl, Steve Sidler Summer Camp Program, account 878.**

Camp is a time in our ministry when most of the people who go make life-changing decisions for the Lord. Please pray that the Lord would call new laborers into His harvest during camp this year, that folks would make decisions in their lives to live holy lives for their Lord and to serve faithfully in their churches.

My friends, I know that we all are trying to faithfully serve our Lord, and that most of us have a lot on our calendar for the upcoming months. Let's pray for each other as we seek to be faithful to our Lord. Thank you so very much for being our friends and for helping make it possible for us to plant churches here in the Dominican Republic.

Your Friends and Servants in the Dominican Republic,

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Dear Praying Friends,

February 11, 2019

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. God has been so very good to us during the last couple of months since our last letter!

Last week, Dr. Pat Creed, Mrs. June Creed, Pastor Pat Creed, Jr., and Pastor Dennis Leatherman were with us for two special Bible College Modulares in our Bible College. Pastor Pat Creed Jr. gave a class on "Forgiveness" and Pastor Leatherman gave a class on "Sunday School". God worked in a great way! Although these are actually Bible College classes, we invite all of our church people to come to these special courses, trying to help them, and also to create a desire in them to enroll in other classes in our College in the future. We saw 45 people saved during this special time.

The week before that, I was six hours away in Loma de Cabrera with Pastor Felo for the church's 7th anniversary. God gave us a wonderful time with 79 people saved in soulwinning and in the services. During one of the visits, I went into a home where I knew everybody but one teenager named Luis Miguel. I did not want to leave without sharing the gospel with him, especially since I was there for just a few days. I felt a little sorry for him, because as I entered his grandmother's house, he had just lifted up a big bowl that was keeping the flies and the cold out of his lunch. He looked like he was ready to devour his food. However, after talking with him for a while, and sharing the good news of the gospel, he forgot about his food, and prayed the sinner's prayer to receive Christ!

Just a few days before my trip to Loma de Cabrera, Pastor Corey Bane, from the Shenandoah Bible Baptist Church of Martinsburg, WV, was with us with a group of folks from his church. The Lord allowed us to see 75 saved during their visit. We were able to visit several of the churches we have started, have a special service in them, as well as hold special services in our church in Quita Sueño. Pastor Bane, his assistant, Bro. Jason MacRae, and different laymen preached for us. God used them in a great way! During their visit, while out soulwinning with Brother Chuck, we came across a group of people that I had said hello to for a couple of weeks, but I had not stopped to witness to them. In the morning, on that particular day, I prayed for them, and the Lord laid upon my heart to search them out. Praise the Lord, He opened the door for us to see them. However, just as I began talking to them, the person that was making them lunch handed them each a bowl of soup. I felt bad that their soup got cold, but they waited patiently to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. After I finished, seven of them prayed to receive Christ as their Savior!

Yesterday, the Lord gave us wonderful services! In the evening, the Lord laid upon my heart to preach a message entitled "The End of the World" from Matthew 24:3. I did not know that he was coming, but a man named, Ramón de la Rosa came and visited us along with some other friends. He is running for "Regidor", which is like a congressman here, working under the direction of the "Mayor". Praise the Lord! He, and a friend that came with him, got gloriously saved! Another girl, whose parents brought Ramón, had been saved recently, so she followed the Lord in believer's baptism.

Our Bible College classes for this semester have started with an attendance of 22. As you already know, there are three other Institutes that we help run, in three of the other churches that we have started. Because of the logistics of getting students back and forth, it has worked better to have separate, smaller classes in separate Institutes.

Praise the Lord that, in September, the Lord allowed us to start two new churches – one in "Fantino" with Pastor Oliver, and one in "Manoguayabo" with Pastor Armando. Three weeks ago, the Lord was so gracious in allowing us to start another church in an area called "Wachupita" with Pastor Fernando!

Please pray for my wife, Nohemy, my daughter, Sarah, and me, as we serve the Lord here. The Lord has allowed us to start 12 churches and place a pastor in another church. Of course, I am not the pastor of all of these churches. However, I try to do everything I can to help influence and help each of these churches to be what God wants, and for me to be an avenue to help meet needs for each of these ministries. We also will continue, upon God's direction and blessing, to start churches all over the Dominican Republic!

God bless you my friends! Thank you so much for making it possible for us to serve the Lord here in the Dominican Republic!

Your Friends and Servants in the Dominican Republic,

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Serving Christ in the Dominican Republic

Dear Praying Friends,

September 26, 2018

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. After our summer activities, we have started up our Bible Institute classes for the fall semester. Classes are held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights. (Our midweek service is Thursday). There are two classes each evening. This semester we have an enrollment of 20 in the Institute and there are 15 more in our Junior Bible Institute, which is for our teenagers. The Junior Institute is just for one class on Monday nights.

September also started with our promotion day for Sunday School. We started three new Sunday School classes. The kids are excited, and the attendance has been up. The Lord has given us some new workers for all our ministries.

We are also losing some of our workers with two new churches we are starting. Last week, Brother Oliver and his wife, Elizabeth had their first service in a new church we are starting with them in an area called "El Fantino". In the first service there were 18 present and 10 professions of faith! We have also started canvassing and soul winning in an area called "Manoguayabo". There have been a good number saved and others interested in having a church there. Our goal is to start having services there by December, if not before then. Brother Armando and his wife Martha will be overseeing this new work. Praise the Lord that, in addition to these two works, there are a good number of other young men coming up through our ministry and Bible Institute that believe God has called them into the ministry. It is such a privilege to be entrusted of the Lord to co-labor with you to start churches all over the Dominican Republic!

The Lord provided for us this past December to purchase the land next door to our first church in Quita Sueño. The community in Quita Sueño has grown and changed considerably since we started our church there. An issue has come up in the organization of our community that is new for us. We didn't need them before, but now we must have different permits from the government for the construction of buildings. We are still waiting for permission from the "Sindico" (the local government of Quita Sueño) to be able to build. Please pray that we would receive this permission soon, as our plans are to use the land for parking and for some much-needed Sunday School space.

On a more personal matter, as I correspond with our different supporting churches, they are always surprised as to how fast our kids are growing up. Angela graduated from Bible College and has been working for two years as the church secretary and teaches a few classes at the Christian School at the Woodlawn Baptist Church in Bowie, Maryland, with Pastor William Tyson. Michael is back in Bible College at Northeast Vision Baptist Bible College in New Jersey. He is very excited about what God has for him in the future and is having fun in college and serving in the church there! Sarah is 14 and we are enjoying serving the Lord with her still here in the Dominican Republic. So, when you see that we now only put three of our names on our prayer letters, as opposed to the five we used to put, there are only three of us here now. We desperately miss Angela and Michael and thank the Lord that we still have Sarah. God has been so good to us and we are so excited that our two older children are continuing to serve Him with their lives. Please pray for all my children, that they would do what the Lord would have them to do with their lives.

God bless you and thank you for being our friends!

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Dear Praying Friends,

April 20, 2018

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. It has been great to have our son, Michael, visiting with us for a few days. He is trying out for different police departments in the Maryland and Virginia area, and had a hole in his schedule to visit with us. I am so happy that my kids love the Dominican Republic! Angela and Michael both like to be here whenever they can, although they both live in the states now. Angela works as church secretary at the Woodlawn Baptist Church in Bowie, Maryland, where Pastor William Tyson is pastor.

This Tuesday the 24th of April, Michael will fly back to the states and Bro. Gary Sprunger, our Director for the Caribbean with BIML, will be coming in on the same day to be with us for a week. He will be speaking for our Mission's Conference, will be helping us draw up some plans for our new Sunday School space on the land the Lord gave us next door to our church, and he will be helping us with some recommendations for building on the land of our new church in "La Nueva Barquita".

We are especially excited that during our Mission's Conference, we will have an emphasis on reaching the deaf with the gospel here in the Dominican Republic. Brother Monserat and his wife, Maribel, are a deaf couple who will be coming to be with us for our Sunday evening service, which is our biggest service of the week. Monserat will be preaching for us and presenting the need for the deaf here. The deaf are a much-forgotten people in the Dominican Republic. They are forgotten not just regarding the spiritual need of their eternal souls, but regarding jobs, education, and with many helps they do not have here for their handicap. We are so excited to be able to help them know our Lord who can save their souls, but also our Lord who wants to give them an abundant Christian life. We are trying to help these precious people in any way we can, as we believe our Lord would. Acts 10:38 – "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

Two and a half weeks ago I started experiencing some heart problems. I went to the emergency room and later went to see a cardiologist. He sent me to have different tests done. I still have a few more to do. Praise the Lord that the doctor said that, although I have some heart issues, the problems can be managed with medications.

In the upcoming months of this year, we have a lot of work to do. Among some of the things we have to do will be our regular Vacation Bible School, Youth Conference, Summer Camp, work on church buildings for four of our churches, hosting groups and some individuals who we will be honored to have with us, Bible Institute, our youth outings we do with eight different churches called Operación Juvenil, two new churches we want to start this year, as well as other things. In addition, I am always praying, working, and begging the Lord to help us grow in His work in the ministry He has given us here. (1 Corinthians 15:58 – "...always abounding in the work of the Lord...") Please pray that the Lord would continue to lead, guide, and bless me as we see folks saved, baptized, disciplined, and trained for the work of the ministry.

What a wonderful life we have here, and what a great privilege is ours in representing your church here in the Dominican Republic with the gospel! Thank you so very much for being our friends and co-laborers in planning churches here!

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Dear Praying Friends,

July 24, 2018

The last two months have been filled with great activities and victories for the Lord here! Last month, Pastor Steve Christner, from the Calvary Baptist Church of Turner, Maine, came to visit with us, along with a group from his church. We visited different churches of our 8 churches, and Pastor Christner did a lot of preaching! The Lord used him greatly! We had a special day on Sunday with over 500 in attendance, and we saw many professions of faith. Pastor Christner brought some Chinese Yo Yo's and some other toys that we gave out to the kids. It was a great promotion!

On July 2-5 we had our annual Summer Family Camp. Pastor Mark Leatherman and his family, from the Bear Lithia Springs Baptist Church of Elkton, VA, came to be with us this year for camp. The Lord used them in a great way! I believe that this was our best camp ever. Although camp is not really an evangelistic time, God allowed us to see seven saved! On the last night of camp, 37 came forward expressing that they believe they were called to serve the Lord full-time, or, in the girl's case, that they were called to serve Him full-time, or that they wanted to marry a good Christian man. There were many other great decisions during the entire camp program, the Lord gave us a great spirit, safety, and a lot of fun. There were a total of 179 campers this year, with 9 churches participating. There were right around 100 from our church in Quita Sueno, and most of the others were from the other churches we have started.

Since camp, the group of those who sing in our choir has doubled, and the Saturday soulwinning group has gone up. There are a good number of new people attending church faithfully since camp, and some of the folks that were being unfaithful have gotten their hearts right and are coming to services faithfully now. Two boys, Walquendi and Dionis, got saved on Saturday morning, a week after camp. Two of our young men, Samuel and Edwin, let me know this weekend that they are 100% sure that God has called them to preach, and that they want me to help them get ready to serve the Lord. Samuel contacted me last night, telling me that he and some friends had been mugged. He said that he is OK, that he thanks the Lord for His protection, but was quite shaken up.

Some others who have gotten excited about the Lord at camp (teens and adults) that need prayer are: Dulce, Nelia, Amelia, Patricia, Ana Patricia, Johnathan, Adi Manuel, Angel, Adriel, Samuel, Samuelito, Darisha, Elisha, among many others...

Attached to this email are some pictures of some of the pastors, those who were called to preach, some who participated in preaching competitions, and many other pictures. I pray that you enjoy seeing faces of people you helped make it to camp and that you praise the Lord with me for what He did.

God bless you and thank you my friends for your confidence in helping us serve our Lord in the ministry here!

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Dear Praying Friends,

February 15, 2018

We send you cooler greetings again from the Dominican Republic. Again, the weather has been extremely colder than normal. We have had a cold front come in that is giving us low temperatures of 64 degrees. Believe it or not, after 21 years here, our blood has thinned out and temperatures like that are very cool for us. Many people all over the country are getting bad colds and flus. I know that the flu is hitting the states very hard as well currently.

The Lord gave us a wonderful time with Dr. and Mrs. Pat Creed, Dr. and Mrs. John Bailes, and Pastor James Vaughn, who came to be with us and give two modular Bible Institute classes in our Bible Institute on January 30 – February 6. We also held an Institute graduation on Saturday, February 3rd. Dr. Creed preached a wonderful Spirit filled message on “Elijah and the Widow Woman”! There were 38 that received some type of certificate during the ceremony! This was with a combination of three of our Bible Institutes coordinated from our church in Quita Sueño. The certificates were for our four-year “Degree in Theology”, our three-year Diploma in Theology, our two-year Certificate in Biblical Studies, our one-year Certificate in Biblical Studies, and some others just received a certificate honoring them for their hard work and encouraging them to continue in their Bible studies. The Lord has given us a group of 20 attending classes for this semester of Bible Institute classes in Quita Sueño.

We are also very excited that two weeks ago we had our first deaf baptism. A teenager named Stacey was baptized. Her mom and dad, Raul and Rosa, came to attend her baptismal service. Praise the Lord, her dad, Raul, got saved! Please continue to pray for the spiritual growth of many others who have been reached during the last few months with this very, very important ministry! Sister Joy Wesson is doing such a great job with this ministry. Before our mid-week service, Joy has a special sign language class, where she is teaching sign language to some young men and women. It is our goal that the Lord was raise up some future leadership with this group.

Of the different churches we have started, the Lord has been so good to us in providing for different needs! Thank you so much for your monthly support, your prayers, and for your special offerings for different needs! Here is a list of praises for the Lord’s provision in recent months and a list of some present needs with our churches that you can pray about with us:

1. Quita Sueño – the Lord provided some much-needed doors, last week we were able to purchase 10 tables, in November the Lord provided to purchase the land next door for some much-needed Sunday School space.
2. Vietnam – we need to better tie in the retainer wall for the back part of the church property. (about \$2,000)
3. La Nueva Barquita – the Lord provided a small piece of land for our church there and a simple wooden open-air structure. We are praying for the land that is for sale behind it before the price goes way up, and for provision for a more permanent structure. (The land is \$5,000 and a one floor building would cost us about \$10,000).
4. Los Frailes – our church there is doing great! We basically need a piece of land there. The folks there give and are growing in the Lord. However, the land there is more expensive. We could buy a piece of land there for about \$25,000.
5. Resurrection (Pastor Wellington) – we have some basic needs of some musical instruments.
6. Loma de Cabrera – we are building a building on a piece of land the Lord gave us there in 2017. We are lacking in some funds for some materials.
7. Dajabón – the Lord gave us a piece of land. We will be putting up a simple wood and tin open-air structure there within the next few weeks. We are still lacking \$400 for some materials.
8. Barsequillo – we are meeting in the front of a member’s home in the open-air. We are praying for a place to rent or some land to build soon.
9. *This September we will be starting a church in “El Fantino”. Brother Oliver and his wife Elizabeth will be working with this church.

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10. **We are also praying about starting a church in “Cabón” or “Manoguayabo” this year.

Juana Aracena is from the Spanish ministry of our home church in Clinton, Maryland. She is Dominican, and just moved back here to the Dominican Republic. It was exciting for me to help her get together with a missionary in a church la Vega to try to win her family to the Lord. She is coming to our church in Quita Sueño this Sunday, and her three boys, are going to get baptized. I was able to win her boys to the Lord around six months ago.

Friends, how wonderful it is to serve the Lord here in the Dominican Republic! Thank you so much for your friendship and for partnering with us here!

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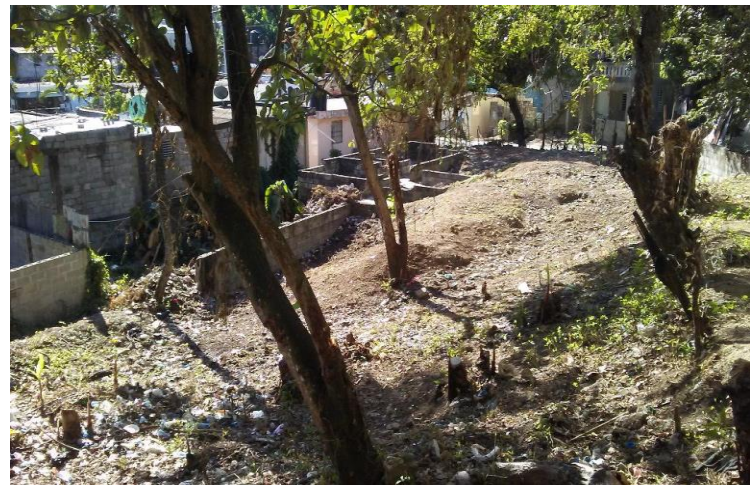
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CHURCH IN LA NUEVA BARQUITA



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Dear Praying Friends,

November 30, 2017

We send you cooler greetings from the Dominican Republic. Usually, the temperature here is between 85-105 degrees, year-round. However, during the Christmas holiday season it gets really cold with temperatures between 70-75 degrees, and at night sometimes it gets extremely cold with temperatures in the 60's. I know you are feeling sorry for us about now!

Since our last prayer letter, we have had the privilege of having Missionary Joy Wesson and her family, Kimberly, Stephen, Ashlyn and Katelyn come to work under our ministry. Joy's husband Josh, passed away two years ago. Joy and her family believe that it is God's will for them to continue to serve here as missionaries. Joy's sending church's pastor, Pastor Tom Vineyard, recommended that she come and work along with us. It is also the policy of BIMl that a widowed or single missionary work under the ministry of another BIMl missionary so that the missionary can look out for her. Joy and her kids are fluent in sign language, so we have the great privilege of starting a deaf ministry, which we have wanted to do for years. The deaf in the Dominican Republic are a very ignored group. They are mistreated, looked down upon, and have little help in the Dominican Society. We have had a high day of 10 deaf and seen 5 saved so far. On one of the service days, out of 5 deaf in the service, 4 of them had never even heard the name of Jesus! Joy is also trying to teach sign language to some of the deaf that are not able sign. Praise the Lord for what God is doing with these precious people! On Thursday nights, before our mid-week service, Joy is teaching a group of around 15 young men and women from our church sign language to be able to help her in this ministry.

In addition to helping us start a new deaf ministry, Joy and her family are also helping us with our music. They are singing in our church choir, singing specials, Joy plays the piano for our church, and Stephen plays his guitar, along with some others who play some different instruments for our services. I don't know of a family in the Dominican Republic that has a stronger conservative stand on their music and that knows music the way they do. Brother Josh and Joy taught the family well! Of course, my goal, and Joy's, is to continue to train people in these two areas, so that they can use what they have learned in new churches that we plant all over the Dominican.

It is always exciting to see each miracle that God performs in the lives of the people to whom we minister! Among different people that the Lord has allowed us to see saved, baptized, and grow in the Lord – I wanted to mention a boy named Joshua. Joshua just moved into the area a couple of months ago. He was won to the Lord by one of our walk-in route captains named Carlos. He followed the Lord in believer's baptism, and even has started to soulwin with us. While out inviting people to come to our church for our church anniversary service, without knowing where Joshua lived, I ran into his mother and invited her for a special day. She came to church that Sunday of our anniversary and was saved! Praise the Lord! Please pray for this family and for many others who have been reached with the gospel message you have helped send with your faithful support of our ministry here.

As we wrap up the year, we are so thankful to the Lord for our friends like you who have afforded us the great honor of representing your church with gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Dominican Republic! I know that the people who have been reached with the gospel in our eight churches are also very thankful. Please continue to pray for our church planting efforts, that the Lord would continue to call laborers into His harvest, that we can help train them, and that we can continue to physically work side by side with them in starting local Independent Baptist Churches all over the Dominican Republic!

Your Friends and Servants in the Dominican Republic, ***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you my friends!***

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Dear Praying Friends,

August 9, 2017

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. As our summer is wrapping up, we praise the Lord for the wonderful fruit the Lord gave us this summer!

The summer months have always been the time that the Lord has given us most of our "fruit that remains" in our ministry. On June 5-9, our church in Quita Sueño had Neighborhood Bible Time for the children in the mornings, and a Youth Conference in the evenings. There were a total of 385 children enrolled in the Neighborhood Bible Time, with 73 professions of faith, and 227 enrolled in the Youth Conference, with 52 saved. These two activities were also carried out in our six other churches. One of the biggest goals of the year is for as many as possible, from all our churches, to be able to go to our annual Summer Baptist Family Camp. This year we could take 159 to camp. There were 4 saved, 37 were called to preach, or surrendered their lives to serve the Lord full-time, and 12 made a re-confirmation of God's call upon their lives! Amen!

God has given us a great spirit in our churches this summer! The attendances are up, we are seeing people saved, getting baptized, being faithful, and making great decisions for the Lord! The number of those signed up for our Bible Institute for the fall semester has risen, as well as the students for our Junior Bible Institute. The Junior Bible Institute is a once a week class for the teenagers 17 and under.

Here is some news from our different churches. Presently, my assistant pastor, Pastor Leonardo Arias, is preaching a special meeting for our two churches in Loma de Cabrera and Dajabón, for Pastor Felo Recio. Pastor Leonardo's wife, Fifa, is also with him. Her mother of 87 years passed away last week. She was a faithful member of our first church for 21 years!

This Sunday at 6:30 p.m. I will be preaching for the seven-year anniversary of our church in Los Frailes. This Monday night, I had the privilege of winning Mr. Miguel Angel to the Lord with his three sons, Miguel Angel-23, Johan Miguel-16, and José Miguel-11. Mr. Miguel Angel is the ex-husband from a lady in the Spanish ministry of our home church in Clinton, Maryland. They will be in the special 7-year anniversary service on Sunday, as they live close to the church. On October 15, I will be preaching for the 37-year anniversary of our church in Kilometer Eight. (We did not start this church. We put pastor in it, as they did not have a pastor.) Pastor Felo Recio was able to purchase a piece of land for his church in Dajabón for \$1,500 and for his church in Loma de Cabrera for \$4,500. The Lord also gave us \$5,000 to purchase a piece of land for our brand-new church in La Nueva Barquita. This church is already averaging 60 and seeing folks saved and baptized! Our church in Vietnam, Santo Domingo, is also doing great! Thank you so very much for those who gave a special offering to help with the land for these needy churches. Having their own land and a building will help our churches here become indigenous that much quicker.

In April, Pastor Mike Creed, from our home church was here with us in the DR. We had the privilege of visiting the mother of another man from the Spanish ministry of our home church, Brother Juan Lopez. His mother, "Mama-Nineh", of 98 years old got saved! She passed away three weeks ago. After her passing, I made a visit to Brother Juan's 104-year-old aunt. She got saved as well! Praise the Lord! Thank you, my friends, for making it possible for my family and I to serve the Lord planting churches and reaching the precious Dominican people with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

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God bless you & thank you for being our friends!

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Dear Praying Friends,

June 16, 2017

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. We value so much your friendship and thank the Lord for your faithful support of our ministry in planting churches in the Dominican Republic!

Last month, I had to make a short trip to the states to accompany my wife and daughter to go help my mother-in-law, Gloria Carranza, who is going through chemo-therapy for stomach cancer. A new law here in the Dominican Republic prohibited my daughter to travel alone with her mother, so I had to accompany them for a few weeks. I am back in the DR now, they will be flying back on July 7th, and I pray that they will be allowed travel back here with no problems. If not, I may need to go there again and travel back here with them. (By the way, please also pray for my father-in-law, Amado Carranza. Three days after they found out that his wife had stomach cancer, he had a heart attack. He is doing well, but must be careful).

The most important and fruit bearing time of the year here in our ministry is upon us. The Neighborhood Bible Time ministry from the states sends two evangelists each year to help us in many churches with Bible Time for the teens and a Bible Time for the children. Our Teen Bible Time will be held from July 5th-9th, in the evenings, and the Bible Time for the children will be on July 6th-9th, in the mornings. We are praying that the Lord would give us many new teens and children. The week after these two activities, on July 10th-13th, we will have our annual Summer Family Camp. We are hoping to take some of the new teens and kids to camp with us, as well as some new adults. Camp is always a time where great decisions are made and where many get on fire for the Lord!

Some very terrible things have happened to two of our church families this last month! Because of the personal nature of the incidents, I believe it is better not to mention the details in a prayer letter. However, I do ask you to please pray for those involved in the two incidents. For one of the problems, pray for one of our ladies, Ada, and for her son, Kerlin. For the other incident, pray for one of our young men, Yorki. They really need your prayers right now!

Brother Oliver, Lord willing, has just over a year before he ventures out with his wife, Elizabeth, and his daughter, Rebecca, to start a church in an area called "El Fantino". Please pray for them! Also, pray for us as we are praying that the Lord would allow us to start another church, even before the one with Oliver. This church would be in an area closer to where we are here. The areas we are praying about are "Barsequillo", "Manoguyabo", and "La Prolongación 27". Please pray with us that the Lord would reveal to us where to start first! We would love to eventually start churches in all three of these areas.

Everything good that the Lord does with us here happens with your help. My wife, my family, and I understand what a great responsibility our Lord and you, as an extension of your church, have entrusted us with here. Thank you so much for the privilege you have given us, to represent you as a voice for our Lord Jesus Christ here in Dominican Republic!

Please note that the address for sending our support at the Mission has changed to: BIMI, P.O. Box 9, Harrison, TN 37341.

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Dear Praying Friends,

April 19, 2017

I pray that you, your family, and your church are experiencing our Lord's abundant grace, mercy, and blessing upon your lives and ministries! God has been so good to us in allowing us to continue to serve Him in the gospel hungry country of the Dominican Republic!

The time is drawing near to one of absolutely most fruit bearing activities of the year, our annual "Summer Family Camp". Our camp program is with nine different churches. Six are churches that we started, one is from a church where we placed a pastor, and two are the churches of Missionary Joshua Wesson, where now, Pastor Ben Jordan is pastor.

Camp time always has had such a huge impact upon the lives of the people who attend. It is a time that we have been able to bring many closer into a more inner circle of faithfulness in their walk with the Lord, faithfulness to their local church, and a surrender to the Lord's will for their lives. Last year, of the 200 that went to camp, 73 went forward during an altar call and told the Lord that they knew he was calling them to serve Him full-time, or that they believed He was calling them, or that, although they did not know if the Lord was calling them, they wanted the Lord to know that they were willing to do whatever He would have them do. This was not the result of a high-pressure invitation, but the work of God's Holy Spirit upon their hearts during the preaching of His Word! There are so many wonderful and important decisions made at camp!

I remember some decisions a young man named Francisco made a couple of years ago during camp. He was from Brother Joshua Wesson's church. While at camp, he cut his phone off during the message and missed an important offer for a year internship in the area he wanted to study in college. I remember his broken heart and tears, as, since he missed the call, he also missed the offer. However, the Lord dealt with Francisco during the preaching at camp and called him into the ministry. Francisco, his brother, Richard, and another young lady, named Cristal, (all from Brother Jordan's church), are now taking classes in our Bible Institute. I wonder what they would be doing were it not for camp!

This year I am trying my best to raise \$4,000 to help people go to camp. Camp is \$50 per person this year. We usually have around 200 go. All year, our church in Quita Sueño works on different fund raisers to try to help with this activity. For most people in our church, \$50 would be 25%-50% of their monthly income. Some of these families try to take as many as six of their family members to camp, which could be two months' salary. I say this so that you will know the great financial need this is for our ministry. Most of our people really need help to be able to go to camp. The majority of the funds raised are always spent on first time camp attendees, although, I like to be able to help others in a minimal way as well.

Please, please, please consider helping us with a special offering for camp. If you can help, please send your offering to **BIMI, P.O. Box 9, Harrison, TN 37341, Missionary Steve Sidler camp program – Account #878.**

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The Sidler Family

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Dear Praying Friends,

April 12, 2017

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. Thank you so much for your continued support of our ministry in planting churches in the Dominican Republic!

February and March have been particularly exciting with our "Operación Juvenil" ("Youth Operation"). This is a bi-monthly activity that we do with seven different churches to get our young people together. We are beginning our second year now of our Operation Juvenil activities. Six of the churches involved in this ministry are churches we have started, one where we placed a pastor, and the other is the "El Faro Baptist Church", with Missionary Pastor Ben Jordan. Of course, each of these churches have the same biblical goals for their young people. This is a chance for them to rub shoulders with other teens that are being taught and encouraged seriously follow the Lord's instructions and leadership in this important time of their lives. We have a time of preaching during each meeting with two messages, good music, games, Bible quizzing, and food! A trophy is also won by the church who receives the most points for Bible quizzing, scripture memorization, and the games. This trophy is carried around by the winner for two months, and is kept by the overall winner at the end of the year. Our biggest activity, when everybody gets together, is our annual Summer Family Camp in July.

Every activity, ministry, and service of our church is to reach souls for Christ, to baptize them, and to teach them to observe whatsoever things the Lord has commanded us to do. Some of the new people that I would ask you to pray for, who have been reached recently, are: Ronnie, Jonathan, Jefri, Victor, Kendri, Yorki, Karin, and Adriano. There are some new children who have been coming as well, and others who have visited and made professions of faith. Please pray that the Lord would give us fruit that would remain. We don't know people's hearts, but we sure do beg the Lord to use us to help people be saved from the misery of their sin, and that the Lord would restore their lives and their families!

We have had some struggles with our new church in "La Nueva Barquita". We were renting two different apartments there to hold services. The owners of both apartments said they needed them back, so we have had to meet outside. Now, the people in charge of the community have informed us that we cannot have services outside. We found a storefront building for \$125 a month to meet in temporarily, but it will not be available long-term. What we really need is a piece of land there which we can purchase for \$5,000. So far, we have \$1,500 of this raised. In addition to the struggles we have had with a meeting place, we have lost \$150 a month of support for this needy new church plant, which has put a lot of pressure on us. If the Lord were to lay upon your heart to help with some monthly support for this new work, for a one time offering for the church, or to help with the purchase of property for the church, please send your offering to BIMl, Missionary Steve Sidler, account 878, "La Nueva Barquita church plant".

While we are planting churches here in the Dominican Republic, sometimes our families in the states struggle with different problems. Presently, my mother-in-law, Gloria Carranza has been informed that she has stomach cancer, and my father-in-law, Amado Carranza had a heart attack. My wife, Nohemy, will be going to help them get through part of Gloria's chemo therapy. Please pray that the Lord would heal them both and that Nohemy can be a big blessing to them during the short time she will be with them! Thank you so much for your friendship, prayers and support of our ministry!

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Dear Praying Friends,

January 26, 2017

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. It has been cool here the last few weeks with temperatures during the day from 70-75 degrees and has even gotten down into the 60's at night! Of course, it is great weather, but it is cold for the Dominicans, as it is usually somewhere between 90-105 degrees here.

This month began with a Field Conference for the missionaries of our Mission with Pastor James Johnson of the Pine Forest Estates Baptist Church of Pensacola, Florida, as the special speaker. God used him to bring us great and challenging messages! There were also some special sessions for the pastor's wives, the teenagers, and the children. We thank our director, Bro. Gary Sprunger, for this special time for all the missionary families!

In addition to this special time, Dr. and Mrs. Pat Creed were with us last week, along with Pastors Don and Mark Leatherman from the Bear Lithia Baptist Church of Elkton, Virginia. Pastor Don and Pastor Mark taught a special modular class on "Marriage and the Family" and "The Holy Spirit" for our Bible Institute. What a wonderful time God gave us with great teachings and fellowship!

I mentioned in my last letter the new church we started in "La Nueva Barquita". The Lord has already provided \$500 of the \$5,000 we are trying to raise for a piece of property for this church. The land in the area is still relatively inexpensive, so we are hoping we can get something before the prices go way up. We praise the Lord for another church that we were able to purchase land for in Dajabón, which was only \$1500. In addition to these two churches, we are still praying for land for our church in Loma de Cabrera and Los Frailes. We can get land for these two works for about \$15000 a piece. Please pray with us for these needs. Having the land will help us build quicker and help the churches get closer to becoming indigenous in a shorter amount of time.

As in any church, the Lord has given us people with different problems that they need to work out in their lives. Most of the people who visit our church that live together, and even have children, have never been married. That, of course, is a challenge for us as we try to help them get right, to be able to experience God's blessings in their lives. One of our ladies has decided not to live in fornication any longer and has split up with her boyfriend, as far them not living together anymore. She has received attacks as well as bad council from some who have said, "That used to be sin, but isn't any longer today." Please pray for this lady as she tries to make it on her own. She will need to find some employment and make other decisions as the days move on. She comes faithfully to all our services and comes soulwinning every week! We are so proud of her, but we know that she will be facing some challenging days ahead.

Please pray for my health (Steve), as I have had different health issues over the last couple of years. Pray for Angela as she works for Pastor William Tyson at Woodlawn Baptist Church in Bowie, Maryland, as secretary, now that she has graduated from Bible College. Pray for Michael with some different decisions he is making for his future, and for Sarah who is home with us working on her homeschooling. Michael is 19 and Sarah is 12. We are so proud of our three children as they are becoming what God wants them to be in their lives!

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Just wanted you to know that we had the church anniversary of one of our churches yesterday, the one in Quita Sueño. Our attendance there on Sundays is usually 200, but yesterday we had 1,150, with 207 professions of faith, and 75 baptized! Praise the Lord!

We have a lot of work to do on follow-up. God bless you and thank you so much for your support making it possible for us to plant churches here in the Dominican Republic!

The new church we planted in 6 weeks ago is going great as well!

Missionary Steve Sidler

Dominican Republic



The Sidler Family

Serving Christ in the Dominican Republic

Dear Praying Friends,

October 26, 2016

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. Presently, we are praying and working towards the anniversary of the first church we started in Quita Sueño. A gentleman named Jarrod Gagliardi, from New Jersey, is coming tomorrow to visit our ministry here for a week. He is praying about being a missionary here in the Dominican Republic. As of this past August, my family and I have been here in Dominican Republic for 20 years. In that time, miraculously, the Lord has allowed us to start six churches and place a pastor in another church in need of a pastor! Thank you so much for your continued support as we continue planting churches here!

The Lord gave us the privilege of starting a new church six weeks ago in an area called "La Nueva Barquita", which is in Sabana Perdida, a suburb of Santo Domingo. This is a new apartment complex that the government has started. The best we can tell, once all the apartments are occupied, there should be between 6,000-8,000 people just in those apartments. Of course, there are thousands of people who also surround this new community in their homes that are not a part of this apartment complex. A group of around 50 people from our church in Vietnam were relocated there. They were given an apartment by the government, so, when we started this new church, it began immediately with a faithful core of these 50 people. Please pray for this church, as we have some needs to help the church in its beginning stage and to get it to be indigenous as soon as possible. One of the biggest needs is to purchase some land for about \$5,000, while the land is still relatively inexpensive. Please pray about helping us in regards to this great need and great investment in this new church.

The Bible Institute classes of our church in Quita Sueño are moving along great this semester. There are 15 taking classes. The classes at our other Bible Institutes are doing great too! There is a group of teenagers in our church in Quita that are too young to be in our Bible Institute, but that want to take classes. We started a Junior Bible Institute for them, with one class on Monday evenings. I am teaching that class with 15 students. It is exciting to see these young people's desire to learn more about the Lord and to have the opportunity of giving them some advanced discipleship!

I requested in my last prayer letter that you pray for a man named Reynaldo and his son, Robin. Reynaldo and his family made professions of faith a good number of years ago, but shortly after, Reynaldo fell away and became very bitter with our church. He, on many occasions, mentioned that he would never go back to our church. I stopped by his home about three months ago just to say hi. His son, Robin, said, "Pastor, mom is not home. I know you don't want to see dad." I said, "Of course, I want to see your dad". His dad, Reynaldo, to my surprise was delighted to see me. He then told me, "You know pastor, I have been thinking I need to get back in church. I am coming back". He came the next service and has been faithful ever since with his entire family. Two of his sons sing in the choir. One of those two is called to preach, has just begun his Bible Institute studies, and is the captain of a walk-in route of our church. Reynaldo and his wife, Marleni, bring a group of kids with them on Sundays as well. They are so excited about their church and have a great love for the Word of God! It will be a great time of rejoicing in heaven when you and I can get together with all the Dominican souls who have been saved and have had their lives transformed through the wonderful ministry that we are partnered with you in of planting churches here in the Dominican Republic! God bless you and thank you for being our friends!

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Dear Praying Friends,

August 24, 2016

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. As fall approaches, so also approaches the work that we have the privilege of performing in our Lord's name. Looking behind, at the last two months, we praise the Lord for the results from our Youth Conference, our Summer Family Camp, and then the Neighborhood Bible Time for the children. The very first activity was the Youth Conference that brought out a great number of new teenagers and also some of the teens who had been missing. God really used Evangelists Johnny Serrano and Nelson Rodriguez from the Neighborhood Bible time ministry to preach for this meeting.

After the Youth Conference was our Summer Family camp. God gave us 173 campers this year and praise the Lord that all of the funds came in to help some of the new campers we wanted to help attend this year. **Thank you so much to each church that helped with this great need! As I have said before, I don't believe there is a better investment in the year in our ministry than to help someone go to camp.** We also appreciate greatly the presence of Brother Bob Hayward, from the Loudon Baptist Temple, who came to spend the week with us and take pictures at camp. He has a kindred spirit with us. Thank you also to the folks of Loudon Baptist Temple who sent my family all of the special treats! My good friend, Pastor Alexander Azoifeifa, from Costa Rica, was our special speaker for camp. God used him greatly! We saw four saved at camp (although our camp is not really an evangelistic activity), and 70 people came forward during a very low key invitation surrendering their lives to God's call in their lives or telling the Lord that they are willing to do whatever He would have them do with their lives.

After camp we held our Neighborhood Bible Time for the children on August 12-14. There was a total of 471 children enrolled with 212 professions of faith. A few of them have begun to get baptized as we have followed them up and worked with their parents. What a blessed summer! We praise the Lord and are so thankful to Bro. Johnny Serrano, Brother Nelson Rodriguez, Pastor Alexander Azoifeifa, all of the workers of our church, and for each and every one of our supporting churches who make it possible for us to reach souls here!

Please pray for a few of the new teenagers who have been coming faithfully to church this summer. Some of these have also started attending our soulwinning invitation times. They are Samuel, Braylin, Leudi, Yanuel, Mergil, Yuniar, Luis, Julio, Victor, Jeuri, Robert Julio, Robert Luis, Robin, and Robin's dad – Reynaldo. There are also a few more people who have started coming soulwinning, others who have started coming to church, and others who have gotten saved and baptized. It is exciting to see God working!

On September 5 our next semester of Bible Institute will begin, with our regular Bible Institute group and with some teenagers who are taking Junior Bible Institute classes on Monday nights. We are excited with some new students for this semester! There are also 3 students attending from "El Faro", Bro. Josh Wesson's old church, where Brother Ben Jordan is pastoring now.

Our daughter Angela will be starting to work next week at the Woodlawn Baptist Church of Bowie, Maryland, teaching 1st and 2nd grades in their Christian School. We are so pleased for her to be involved in this great ministry under the leadership of Pastor William Tyson! Michael will be starting his Bible College studies this coming Monday. We are so very grateful to Bro. Tim Tullos and Pastor Rick Conner, of the Patuxent Baptist Church, for all of their help with my two kids during the last year in a half helping them get through these changing times in their lives! Michael

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and Angela have both stayed at Brother Tullos's home and were treated as one of his own children. I know that they also loved going to Patuxent with Pastor Conner.

God bless you and thank you for being our friends!

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Your Friends and Servants in the Dominican Republic,

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God bless you Pastor and praying friends! I wanted to say thank you so very much for the special offering that you sent to help for our camp program last week! God worked in such a great way! 173 people came from 8 different churches. By God's grace, 5 of those churches were started from our church in Quita Sueno, and 2 others are sister churches with whom we work well with. (That is not to say that we do not work well with other people). Our fellow missionary Josh Wesson, went home to be with the Lord a few weeks after camp last year. We did camp together for years while he was alive.

The new pastor, Ben Jordan, also wants to continue the relationship Bro. Josh had with our church and family, and he and his church were very involved in camp this year as well. We saw 4 saved at camp. Camp is not an evangelistic time for us. It is a time that we try to get christians further into an the inner circle of discipleship, christian walk, and service in our churches. Praise the Lord that on the last night of preaching 70 young people came forward in a very low key invitation telling the Lord that they knew that He was calling them into full-time christian service, or that they believe they are called and want Him to know that they are willing. 23 of those are from our church in Quita Sueno and the rest from the other churches. God worked in many decisions among many of us at camp! Thank you so, so very much for your greatly needed and much appreciated investment in one of the very best investments in the year of our ministry here! God bless you! Thank you for allowing us to represent you as your friends and missionaries in the Dominican Republic!

By the way, on Saturday, there were 8 new people who showed up for soulwinning as a result of decisions they made at camp.

Your friend and servant in the Dominican Republic,

Missionary Steve Sidler

* If would do me the favor of letting me know you received this email, it would be greatly appreciated. It is nice to be able to email letters, but sometimes the letters do no go through 100% of the time like the old fashioned snail mail letters, which I liked better, because of that. Thank you.



The Sidler Family

Serving Christ in the Dominican Republic

Dear Praying Friends,

June 16, 2016

What a wonderful time we have had serving the Lord these last few months! We were able to attend our daughter's graduation from Bible College and now she will be coming to the Dominican Republic to work for me in our church for six months helping us get some things organized in secretarial, technological, and computer areas. That is what she studied in Bible College. In December she will be travelling back to the states, Lord willing. She is praying that the Lord would give her a job as a secretary in a church in the states. Please help us in praying for her that God would have His will.

During our trip to the graduation, we were able to report to some of our churches in the mid-west and the west coast. What wonderful supporting churches we have! We are praying that a few of the new churches that we visited would take us on for support as well, and get our support a little closer to what it should be.

Next week we will be having a special Youth Revival with the Neighborhood Bible Time ministry. The Bible Time workers are in country until the end of August helping us with Bible Time meetings with the children and the teenagers.

Please pray for our camp program, that we will have on July 11-14. We are trying to raise \$2,000 for it to help some new people come to camp. Our people work all year trying to raise extra money to be able to go to camp. Most of our people make between \$100-\$200 a month, and camp is \$50 per camper, so it is financial challenge and a big need for those who try to go. Last year at camp, 72 people surrendered their lives to serve the Lord full-time. Camp is such a fruitful ministry, but such a big expense. Our people are not lazy, but very poor. Please consider helping sponsor a camper so, or helping us with a special offering for this important activity. Also pray that God would bless in a great way!

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April 6, 2016

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“As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.” Prov. 25:25



Dear Pastor and Church Family:

It has been a lot of fun serving the Lord during the last two months! God has given us souls saved and new believers baptized and added to the church! I enjoy preaching and serving, and then watching God do the work in people’s lives! Among some of the folks who have been saved and attending our church in the last few months is a teenager name Samuel. He came to our church as a pretty rough teen. For three months he endured our invitations with teary eyes. Some of my personal workers tried to encourage him to get saved on different occasions, but he just wouldn’t do it. Finally, three weeks ago he got saved! The next week he was baptized! This past Saturday we had a special teen rally and he had a tie on for the first time. Samuel has been bringing friends with him to church for three months as well. Please pray for him and many other teens, adults, and children who have been saved recently, and others, who although they have not been saved yet, are attending our services.

Three months ago we started a special ministry with the youth of six of our churches, where we have a special youth rally in each of the six churches, once every two months. Each of the six churches is sponsoring the activity once a year, planning different games, fun activities, having scripture memorization, Bible quizzing, food, and great preaching. We are trying to take our teenagers and move them farther into the inner circle of faithfulness, holiness, and commitment to the Lord with these meetings. We also want them to rub shoulders with other teens of other churches that teach and practice the same thing that we do in our church. They also have a chance to win a trophy for their church group with points from the activity, which they can keep for two months, and then can keep permanently at the end of the year if they have the most overall points. We have made t-shirts with the yearly theme of our activities. We call the ministry “Operación Juvenil”. (“Operaction Teenager” – it sounds better in Spanish).

During our most recent activity we had the privilege of having Evangelist, Dr. Chuck Harding preach for us. He and his wife, Jo, came to visit us with my Pastor, Pastor Mike Creed, his wife, Valerie, and the three Seniors graduating this year from the Independent Baptist Academy in Clinton, Maryland. They visited and preached for us in the different churches we have started. The Lord gave us a wonderful time together!

It is hard to believe that the time for our summer camp is drawing near again. Our summer camp is July 11-14, 2016. There is absolutely no other activity in the year that the Lord uses more in our churches here than our summer camp program. Last year, Pastor Brent Lenentine, from the Gospel Light Baptist Church of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, preached for us. On the last message before we left the camp to go home on Thursday morning, he preached one of the best messages I have ever heard on “The Will of God” out of James 4:13-17. Out of the 200 at camp, 72 came forward saying that they knew God had called them to serve Him full-time, or that they believed He did and they just wanted Him to know that they were willing! **Please pray about helping sponsoring some folks for camp this year. Our people are very poor and I do everything I can to help them get to camp, which is life-changing for them. The cost this year for camp is \$50 per camper. I promise you, it is a very, very good investment! Please prayerfully consider helping us with this great opportunity to invest in the lives of some Dominican people! You can send any help to my BIMl account and just mention that it is for Steve Sidler’s camp program.**

Thank you so much for your partnering with us in the ministry here of planting churches in the DR and for being our friends!

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