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SERVING IN
NORTHERN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Dear Praying Friends,

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We hope that this letter finds you well, healthy, and enjoying the faithful blessings of our Lord and Savior. Thank you for all your faithful prayers and financial support towards our family. We want you to know that our prayers for the United States, and the rest of the world are getting lifted from us unto the throne of Grace, as we deal with the common problem of the Coronavirus.

Current Situation of the Dominican Republic

On Thursday, March 19, 2020, the Dominican Republic began implementing the guidelines mentioned by its president when he declared the country in a state of emergency. Some of the measures that the president mentioned are schools and business closing. Also, no social gatherings are allowed, and travel restrictions are set in place. As of right now, only supermarkets, pharmacies, hospitals, gas stations, and other organizations that deal with primary needs are allowed to be open (while minimizing the gathering of people to as few as possible).

One of our concerns with all the limitations (apart from not being able to hold services in our church) is that our people would not be able to work or produce income since they were sent home without a salary. We ask you to please pray for the Lord to provide for our church families and the Dominican people (especially those of low income). We wanted to encourage our church families during this challenging time, and we were able to buy some essential foods and help 15 families enjoy at least 2 to 4 meals this week. We were able to spend some time talking to them, encouraging them, and praying with them as we delivered those bags.



As of right now, we have no choice but to postpone our church anniversary service that was scheduled for April 5. We trust that in the next few weeks, the Lord will make clear when is the best time for this important event to take place in our church.

Prayer Request:

- Provision for our people.
- For our health and safety.
- For the Lord to allow us to see souls saved during this time of crisis and uncertainty.
- Wisdom on how to minister our folks during this time.
- Wisdom for our leaders in the DR and world leaders as well.

God is Still Working in the Midst

The Dominican Republic has 112 cases that have tested positive for covid19 (two of those in our town). Amid so much fear and uncertainty, we are confident that God is still working. We are so thankful that on March 15th, during the regional elections, we had four souls saved during our church service. Also, we have seen such a great spirit and growth amongst our young people. They have been responding very well to the preaching during the teen activities and the church services. Please pray that during this time of staying home, they would continue to grow and stay close to the Lord. Know that we are praying for you and your church family as we know that things are challenging in the States as well.



In Christ,

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