

Missions to the Dominican Republic *December 2021*



It never ceases to amaze me how much God has done, and His hand has moved in mighty ways in the Dominican Republic. We first want to thank God, all this would not be possible without Him. In Him and through Him all things are made! Second, we want to thank all those who have been continuing to give towards the ministry and mission. Your generosity has made all that happens possible and I pray that God continues to bless everyone! Now let's talk about what God is doing!



As we had mentioned in the last newsletter, we have a children's service at the Los Pomos church and it has continued to grow. The children have learned new songs, as they are singing "Read your Bible, Pray every day" in the picture above, Bible stories, and so much more. They have memorized all the books of the New Testament and we are just beginning to start learning the books of the Old Testament. We have handed out Bibles to the older children and watched their

hunger to read God's word grow! God opened an opportunity for us to have a second children's service at a different church on Sunday afternoon. We have already seen a hunger for God develop in children who were never told the Gospel before.

We also held a Children's Day for all 5 churches here in La Vega. We had it on two different days. It was a full day of games, Bible lessons, memory verses, water games and skits. We also provided a full lunch and snacks on both days. There was cotton candy, popcorn, and so many prizes!!! It was the first time many of them had cotton candy Truly it was a wonderful time being able to share God's love with these children.



As Christmas approaches we are beginning to prepare. As God supplies through your giving, we will be continuing to pass out Christmas presents to as many children that we can. It is a blessing to be able to see the look of joy on all their faces as this may be the only Christmas present many of them receive.

The church buildings have also continued to transform. There was a big renovation done to the back side of the church at Villa Lora. First, the backside has a new cement pad that extends all the way around to the front. A new roof, steel beams and 40 year aluminum roofing,

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aluminum gutters, all new paint job and needed repairs to the walls in the back part, and new kitchen cupboards. Also a new water pump and tank was installed. The outside of the church was also repainted, all new electrical work in this section, and security bars on windows and a door were installed in the back. A cement block storage room was also built on the backside of the church to be able to store work equipment. We were able to update the lettering on two different churches as well.



We are also now participating in street meetings that the churches hold every other Saturday and every Monday.



Through your donations we were able to purchase a much needed speaker system for these street meetings and also one for the church at Los Pomos.

We are seeing the Gospel message change hearts and lives through these meetings! We are continuing to give each of our churches 300 tracts every month, along with extra tracts for each of the street meetings. We are on track to hand out over 60,000 tracts in one year.

God has blessed us with the help of others also. In July, Sue Taylor joined us in helping the ministry down here. She has been a helping hand in the ministry. Also the MEA Missions team was able to come in September for a 10 day trip. For some it was their first trip and others were returning. I believe God was able to use each and every one of them. It greatly encouraged us to be able to have our first group since the pandemic closed the country down.

God is also opening up opportunities in new areas that currently have no church. We were able to bless a man in this area with a bed and stove. He is sick with diabetes but through our visits we see the impact we are having just by simply being Jesus' hands and feet. Though we can't do it all, we know that we can continue in the work that God has set before us.

Thank you again for all of your prayers and support! Let us continue to work together for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

All support and offerings can be sent to:

MEA Missions, P.O. Box 72, Ceres, NY 14721.

Please mark it for "Support Eastman" in the subject line.

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Here are pictures of the new roof at Villa Lora. It has steel beams and 40 year aluminum roofing.



The front of the church with its updated paint job.



New lettering at Las Carmelitas.



A revival service at Los Pomos. The street light is a recent addition that added much needed light



This is Marcelino. We have been able to bless him with a stove, propane tank, and a new bed with sheets and pillows.

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It is Christmas time!!!

It is that time again and we are collecting money for Christmas presents. It is not too late to give towards this since the presents are handed out in January during King's day. This is the day that Dominicans give gifts to one another. In fact, it is not just one day. Since we have so many areas to hand out gifts it takes the entire month of January to do so. Last year we were able to buy 410 Christmas gifts, between \$3 and \$5 dollars.

Please make checks payable to MEA Missions and put "Children's Christmas DR" in the subject line. Because time is getting close please mail to: Dave Eastman

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Thank you again for all your giving and prayers!

Jeff and Jayma Eastman