

Missions to the Dominican Republic May 2022

This morning as I woke up I could smell the morning tropical air. It reminds me of all those mornings that I would wake up on mission trips many years ago. It will never cease to amaze me in all that God has done since then!

So much has happened since our last newsletter. We had a successful Christmas present distribution. We had so many smiles and opportunities to share the Gospel. At the one church we had over 200 hundred children show up! Praise the Lord we were able to send every

single one home with a gift in hand and the Gospel in their heart.

As always Jeff has been busy with the many work projects. He was able to completely rewire the electrical work, and painted the church inside and out at the church in San Cristobal. At Villa Lora, the metal roof for the Sunday School area was completed and security bars on the windows installed. Put up four new fans and new electrical wiring at Las Carmalitas church. Helped a pastor repair the backside of his house roof. At Los

Pomos, spread 16 yards of dirt and 9 yards of gravel, coated the main roof with protective paint, and put in a new sink and toilet. At the Alto de Chavon church, built the boundary line wall higher, lots of extra cement work, and added additional security spikes to the front gate to make it higher and more secure. This month a 42 ft sidewalk will be laid in front of the church at San Cristobal. Thank you to all who have given to make all these projects happen. We truly appreciate your giving!

During the project at San Cristobal, Jeff said there was a little girl intensely watching them start to eat lunch. He quietly called her into the church and gave her his lunch. "Verly I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40. So many times it is simple about being available and willing.

Jeff has been supervising the building of the church in Ponsab, Haiti. He organized the sending of building materials, blueprints, and building plans from the DR to Haiti.

There are two upcoming projects we are fundraising for and both of them involve building a Sunday School area for the children, one at Las Carmalitas and the other at Ponton.

The church at Las Carmalitas, needs the bathroom moved, a new garage door, and much needed cement blocks and work done to the currently standing walls to make this possible. All of this will cost **\$800** so that the children have their own area for Sunday School. The project at

Ponton is a bit more involved and we have been fundraising in step by step projects. Praise the Lord we received the funds for step one which was putting up the boarder wall around the Sunday School area. Now we are fundraising for Step 2 and 3. Step 2 is putting up 3x3 metal post in the ground for framing and the metal frame for the roof. This step will cost **\$750**. Step 3 we need funds for 2 windows, one door and the security bars needed for all three.

In April, we hosted a missions team from Brooks Pentecostal Church in Maine. We had 10 full days of work and evangelism. The team was able to minister at 6 different churches, 5 in La Vega and one in Santiago. They held a



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three day Children's Crusade where many children heard the truth of the Gospel, some for the very first time. Also preaching in the churches, passing out tracts and praying for people in the streets, and completed a work project. They raised the funds and painted the Los Pomos church inside and out. It was such a huge blessing! They ministered in our afternoon children's service at Las Carmalitas and we had 75 children in attendance! God was greatly able to use them during this time. God is so good!



Other aspects of our ministry continue to flourish and grow. We have been teaching the Sunday morning Children service at Los Pomos and also have a Children's service at Las Carmalitas at 3pm Sunday afternoon. After that children service we stay and continue to help and minister at their regular Sunday evening service at 5pm. We have hosted some kid's days that involve singing, Bible lessons, games, scripture memory,

and of course drinks and snacks. We greatly enjoy making these days memorable for the children. Jayma has continued to preach at various churches and Jeff translates. Cielo is learning piano and has started to play and sing and Hunter many times accompanies in singing. Jayden has taken an interest in playing the djembe drum and Josiah continues to play his guitar. We have quite the little band starting to form. And for those who have not heard...

We have an announcement to make. We will be having a small bundle of joy joining our family in August 2022. God is blessing us with a baby girl and we can not be more excited. As Jayma enters her seventh month of pregnancy the heat of the Dominic is quite strong, but God's goodness and protection is greater. She will be born here in the Dominican Republic Lord willing. Please be praying for the safety of her upcoming arrival.

If you would like to give towards the work projects mentioned above please send a check to the below address and put "**work projects**" in the subject line.

We would like to thank all that support us. Your support and prayers are what continue to make it possible for us to continue in the Lord's work. God Bless!

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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