



We have been serving the Lord in the Dominican Republic for 8 months now and it is hard to believe all that God has done in that time. Christmas brought great joy, and through donations we received, we were able to pass out Christmas presents and host some Christmas parties. We handed out 130 presents (that cost \$3-\$6 each) and had Christmas parties at 4 different churches. It was all worth it to see how happy they were. Many children said it was the first time they remembered opening a gift for King's day. King's day, January 6, is the traditional day Dominicans open presents.



Jeff has been working on several building projects as well. He was able to tear out the old cracked sidewalk and put a new one in front of the church at Ponton. It is 8ft wide and 50 ft long. Along with that, we received permission to install a speed bump in front of the church. This road was so dangerous and we wanted to make it safer for those coming to church and the neighborhood. At the Los Pomos church, a well was installed. This is much needed water for cleaning or the bathrooms.



Another project we have been working on is tracts. We were able to get stamps for each of the 15 churches with the name of the Pastor, phone number, the church address, and the phone number of our Dominican Director, Vitelio Rosario. We stamp 300 tracts for each church every month. The churches then are able to hand them out to those in their neighborhood and workplaces. They are very grateful for this and are thankful since tracts cost money they don't have. Our children are very much a part of this process and each has a job.



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We have to stamp and fold every tract. We pray over the tracts as we think about each person that will read the Gospel message. We have also received donations for Bibles that we have set aside to hand to new converts in the churches.

One of our main goals in moving here was to provide a place for mission teams to stay when they come to the Dominican Republic. We were able to host our first team! MEA missions team came March 12-23, 2020. What a time of ministry we had! With a group of 5 people we did street ministry, children's services, and attended the annual Dominican Conference. All of the team members had opportunities to share the Gospel as Jeff or, the Missions Director, Bro. David Eastman interpreted. The team traveled to several different churches to minister. It was a time of rejoicing and seeking God with our Dominican Brothers and Sisters. At the Dominican Conference we had a timely message preached by a Dominican evangelist Franklin Hinojosa. Little did we know how needed it was going to be as the church has entered a new era. We had 260 children attend the children's service. It was the last children's service held before churches were closed due to the pandemic. They children enjoyed learning about the Savior who died to set them free!



This brings me to our life in the Dom. Rep. during the pandemic. We have been in quarantine like most of the world. We are unable to leave our house from 5pm-6am. Masks and gloves are a must and travel out of the home is only to be for necessary purposes only. Most businesses and factories have shut down and most Dominicans have lost their jobs during this time. They live day to day and only buy the food they need for the meals they are cooking that day. This means they have no pantry of food to use up. God has placed a burden on our hearts to raise money to help as many families possible. We have been giving most families that we help \$40 to spend on food or necessities to sustain them through this time. As long as we receive donations, we will continue to help all those in need. Just mark "people in need" on the subject line and you can help a family eat another day!

We want to thank everyone who is sending in support and praying for us. It is because of your support all of this is made possible. All support and offerings can be sent to: **MEA Missions, P.O. Box 72, Ceres, NY 14721**. Please mark it for Jeff Eastman in the subject line. MEA Mission Online Giving: <https://meaministries.org/mea-missions>

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