

The Cunninghams Serving In The Dominican Republic



Dear Friends and Family

November 2025

Thanksgiving is almost here—our very favorite holiday of the year! There is something special about a celebration with no pressure, no endless parties, no concerts every night, and no frantic gift-buying. Thanksgiving simply means *family*, *friends*, *football*, and *food*!

Although Thanksgiving is a North American tradition, many Dominicans have joined in the joy of setting aside a day to express gratitude and gather around a table filled with good food. When we first moved to the DR, you couldn't find a turkey in any grocery store. And if you happened to stumble across one, the price alone forced you to choose between turkey or a simple chicken! Today, turkeys are more available—still pricey—but worth every peso!

When we pause to reflect, we realize we are never short on reasons to be thankful. Your prayers, encouragement, and generous financial support constantly uplift us. Looking back over 2025, we see a mix of wonderful days, uncertain days, hard moments, laughter, discouragement, and everything in between. But through it all, we found joy—joy in serving the Lord and joy in knowing that we were being faithfully supported by our friends and family back home.

IBERS is currently walking through a season of transition. Transitions can be discouraging, but they are also necessary. Our calling as missionaries is to raise up leaders, hand over the work, and follow God to the next place He opens. Please continue praying for Pastor Mota and the church family in Ramón Santana as they step into key leadership roles—from worship and sound ministry to Children's Church and discipleship groups.

Las Palmas Christian School began the year with 488 students, and we continue to pray for God's provision in staffing. We are still seeking a Math teacher for grades 7–9, and Lynn has been filling the gap since the first day of school. We will also need a 6th grade teacher in February and a Science teacher for grades 7–9. Looking ahead to the next school year, we will additionally be searching for a first-grade teacher. On top of this, the school has faced electrical challenges requiring a full wiring upgrade across the campus—a costly but essential improvement. We are trusting that the Lord will continue to provide the resources needed to keep the lights on and the fans turning!

Paul reminds us that trials *will* come, but even in those trials we can be joyful. Our joy does not depend on our circumstances because our hope is anchored in a God who supplies all our needs and never fails us. We are deeply grateful for His grace, His mercy, and His faithful provision throughout this year. And we are grateful for *you*. Your prayers, love, and sacrificial giving allow us to continue serving. We could not be here without you.

With full hearts and deep gratitude,

John & Lyan