

Hodges Prayer Letter

Discipling the Nations in the Dominican Republic and Beyond



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Dear Friends,

PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS BLESSINGS!! The church in San Pedro celebrated its 22nd Anniversary the first Sunday in August. The celebration includes special services in the morning and evening with a full house for both services. The church honored its three pastors on this special day. Current pastor, Carlos Rijo who followed the longtime building pastor, Gary Hale, and me, the founding pastor. The church started in 2003 with an opening attendance of 27 people.

The chapel hosted a Vacation Bible School on a recent Saturday with the help of a team of children's workers from the main church running the program. A good number of children from the neighborhood despite the thunderstorm that passed through. We are praising the Lord for the three girls who trusted Christ. These girls are attending the chapel services and will be followed-up for Baptism.

The chapel ministry continues to progress and will soon have a permanent Dominican pastor to lead the work. Deacon Andry Santana who served with the main church and has been with us in the development of the chapel is in preparation to follow as pastor. Andry lives in the chapel area and is well known with a good testimony in the community. The pastoral staff of the main church is involved in disciplining and preparing Andry to lead the ministry. The Lord provided some funds which is being used to purchase a great selection of books for his personal library. The transition is planned for the first of the coming year.

A recent older couple who has made numerous missions trips around the world paid this ministry a great complement by saying, "We have never seen a more complete ministry such as you have here." To God be the glory for the vision fulfilled and continues for the next generations. This ministry could not have happened without your prayers, support and encouragements along the way.

We have always felt that God directed us in the establishment of this ministry with this complete and extend vision. This is a model that can be duplicated in other countries. Perhaps, God would have you to lead the next ministry in another part of the world. Allow God to lead and we are willing to help make that happen.

Always in Christ,

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