

The Mission and The Life In the Dominican Republic

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Greetings.

Blessings and greetings from the Dominican Republic, Santiago! May the blessing of Jesus' Church and the peace that transcends all understanding be upon you and all your family in Jesus name. May you see the work of God being done in the Dominican Republic because of your faithfulness in prayer and partnering with us in His mission.

Ministry in the Dominican Republic

We are thrilled to work with many Universities and university students in Santiago D.R., praying for and discipling them to follow Jesus and His ways. We have many partner Churches that we work with in Santiago, Tamboril, and Mao. We have been working in various ways to spread the Gospel, from Church construction to youth and children Church evangelism and Revivals. God has been at work from the moment we arrived.

Preaching and Teaching

One of my many joys is to preach and teach the word of God. From time to time I have the privilege to speak at our partner Churches in Santiago and in Mao. We have been particularly investing in the Tamboril Church through preaching, teaching and impacting the community for Jesus for many of years. Pastor Alsenio and his family have been serving in this location for nearly 30 years. This church family welcomed us in as family as we did ministry together to impact Tamboril for Jesus. We have been reaching out to the community in various ways, with VBS and youth connection and evangelizing the community by foot to invite people to Church, and praying for the peoples' needs and point them to Jesus. We are blessed to share that the Tamboril AG Church is impacting the community and the Church is growing and people are being saved in Jesus. Praise be to God for opening the door of peoples' hearts, drawing them to the love of Christ. It is our prayer that the Spirit of God will fill the Churches and bring the saving grace of Jesus' Church salvation to the people living in darkness with the true light and love of Christ. Join with us to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit throughout all the Dominican Republic for His mission to be accomplished. Additionally, join with us to continue praying for Tamboril Assembly of God that the love and light of Christ will shine in the community.



Well Project

For many years, the orphanage needed a well system due to a lack of water in the area. The orphanage only receives one week's worth of water per month, and in many cases water was not provided for two to three months. The people of the orphanage travel to the near by stream to wash and get water for the facility. This was a strenuous time for kids and people who work there. However, this year the government finally approved the drilling of the well for the orphanage, and today the well is completed. Thank you to all who prayed and gave to this well project. Now the orphanage has no water problems. Thanks be to God.



The University Ministry

Our primary focus in ministry is centered on University students in Santiago. God has been opening the doors for us to enter into and be physically present in university campuses. We have been networking and building relationships with the leaders and leadership of the student body in ISA and IFODOSU University. Having student meetings weekly with worship, prayer, messages and fellowship that shapes and transform the lives of the students to follow Jesus is what makes the difference in the world. Little by little, students are opening up and asking lots of questions, especially about directions and the call of God as students. Weekly, I have a wonderful conversation and prayer time with individuals. One particular individual mentioned that if they got to this particular university, it is for sure that God had open the door for that individual. They are now wanting to know what God's will and path is for their life. This was an exciting time for me to pray for them and see how God is going to lead and use them now and for the future. Change the world one student at a time.



National Church Blessings -VBS-

Blessing the national Church with VBS and family worship Service.

We are blessed and honored to partner with our national Pastors and friends to help boost effectiveness in reaching the lost in the Church community. VBS has always served as a tool to reach the people and community for Jesus. We held a VBS and attended many local children who would normally not attend Church would enter into Church to hear the gospel preached. Many activities held by the missions team in Dallas TX, a big shout out to Crystal Church. We have also seen parent come to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ when we invited the children and their parents to the Sunday worship service. What a celebration of a soul saved in the name of Jesus Christ!



Pastoral Leadership

And Revival

We held Pastoral leadership seminars and revivals in Santiago and also in MAO, where over 150 Pastors and leaders from all Churches gather to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Preaching and teaching what it means to be a Jesus followers as leaders in the Church. Pastor Josh Kang came from Las Vegas and lead the Preaching and teaching the Pastors and leaders in the national Churches. Many were blessed to hear the truth of the Gospel and learning to lead like Jesus. Had many days of blessings in Santiago and MAO.



Please continue to pray for the Pastoral leadership in the Dominican Republic. We pray that they will seek the face of God and His way and His mission. The pure gospel will be preached and thought in all Churches the Dominican Republic. We are praying for the out pouring of the Holy Spirit empowering the Pastoral leadership and bring salvation through the saving grace of Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

Building Projects

In the beginning of Covid 19, we meet this very passionate Pastor in MAO, his name is Pastor Carpio. His prayer being answered is one of the testimonies in the MAO area. He wanted to expand the Church enough for little more room for his congregation. But one day, God visited him saying “who am I to you”? The pastor replied “you are my God and big God”. God responded to him say “why are you building little house for me when I am a big God to you”. At that time he enlarged God Vision and began to pray for God house to be built big for His purpose in MAO. But when Covid 19 was upon the world Dominican Republic was no exception and the Church when through difficulty with continuing the construction. God has a way of putting the right people and sends them to aid God’s mission so that it may take place. Through network and individual giving, the Vision God gave to Pastor Carpio is coming to reality and the house of God for His mission is being to take place in the MAO area. When we first visited this Church, the building project was a big open space with a three cinder block high circle, but we see the exterior and roofing was almost complete. We are praying that by early 2025 we will see the completed house of God. May the dwelling of God never end in MAO and may His people continue to praise Him.



Haitian Pastor Family Support

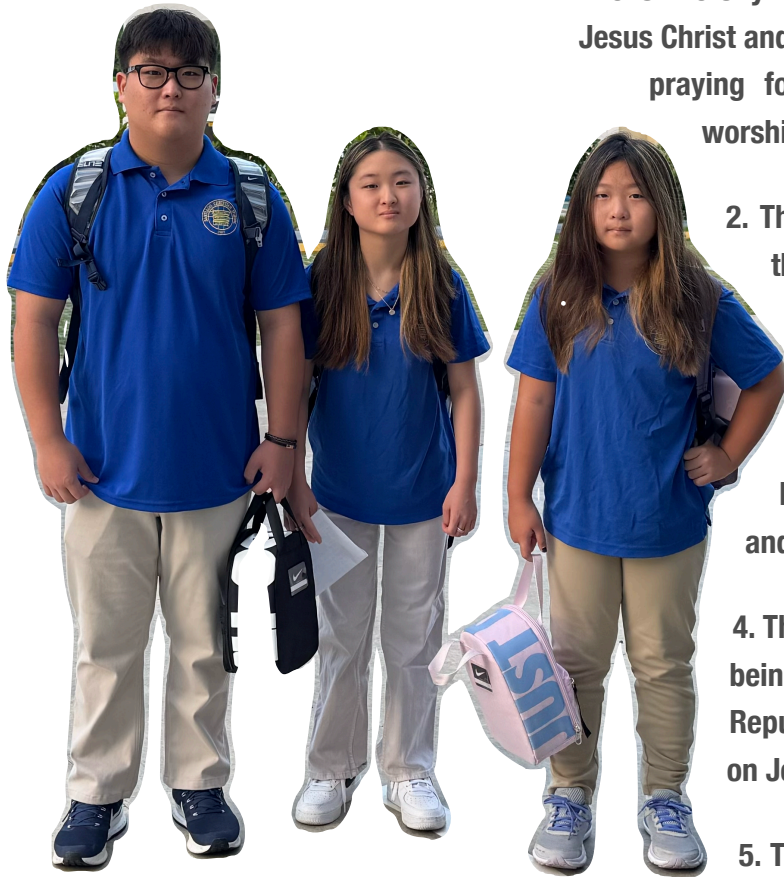
This year as we come back to Santiago, Dominican Republic, we were saddened by the news that one of our partner Pastor's wife passed and is with the Lord. She leaves behind 6 children, her youngest now being 3 years old. We have been helping the Haitian Pastor because he serves his church in an isolated mountain area, where it is hard to physically reach. The mountain is about an hour away from Santiago, where many undocumented Haitians are gathered to live in to hide from the government. In August 2024, the Dominican President ordered for the deportation of 10,000 Haitians per week. The Haitian community is currently in a state of panic and the Churches are being emptied due to fear of deportation. The police is everywhere, stopping cars and vehicles searching for Haitians without documentation in the Dominican Republic. We earnestly request for your prayers for the Haitian community in the Dominican Republic and for Pastor Osario's family, as they are grieving over the loss of a wife and mother.



Family and Prayer Requests.

Your prayers make a difference in the mission field because we experience the power of God at work when

Please pray for....



1. The University ministry in Santiago, so that students will come to know Jesus Christ and will be equipped to impact the world for Jesus. We are also praying for sound equipments to be supplied for gathering and worship services.
2. The International Church planting - so that God would open the door to reaching Multi ethnic groups, envisioning and reaching the marginalized people group of the Chinese community.
3. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit to be upon all believers and that the Churches would come alive in Jesus and not become stagnant.
4. The Haitian community in the Dominican Republic as they are being deported (10,000 Haitians a week) from the Dominican Republic to Haiti, and that the Haitian Churches would depend on Jesus and His ways.
5. The health of our family. Please pray for Hyun Ju's health as she had thyroid cancer removed and has two aneurysms and is in watch.
6. Our kids' education. Our kids had a difficult time coming back to Santiago Christian School. They were having scheduling issues that stressed our entire family as Grace and Timothy are enrolled in the high school Junior class. Its one of the most important years to getting ready for college applications. When school started, their grades were below average because of coming into a new school environment that is not consistent with the U.S educational system. We have been praying as a family for God's wisdom and favor upon Grace, Timothy and Esther. As the school year went on, months of hard work done by our kids (and with the help of the Holy Spirit) they have gained the grades that they wanted. Praise be to God for wisdom and favor upon our kids studies.