

Misericordia Activa

An Active Mercy

The love of Christ at work in the streets of Latin America

News from the **Ramirez Family** serving the Lord in the **Dominican Republic**.



Together Again

Saludos (Greetings as Dominicans say) from the Dominican Republic. We are so blessed to all be back together again in the Dominican Republic. Eliana's Visa was approved at the end of April and we were on a plane within days of receiving the passport back from the embassy.

Over the last few weeks we have been adjusting to life in the DR, including the heat! And getting back in the swing of normal ministry activities. The Lord is moving paperwork along swiftly here in the DR and Eliana has an appointment at the end of the month to have her residency request reviewed. We pray that she will be granted residency along with the rest of our family.

Jeancarlos' Vicarage Announcement!

And now what we've all been waiting for!!! Where will Jeancarlos serve his vicarage?!?! It has finally been confirmed that Jeancarlos will serve as a vicar for the next year in Santiago, Dominican Republic!!! We are so excited that our family will get to stay put here for one more year. Jeancarlos will likely be working to plant a new church in a part of the city where we currently do not have any activities! This will be a huge project and a new challenge. It will prepare him well for church planting in Lima where there are so many opportunities for new congregations. We praise the Lord for this news and ask that He bless and guide us over the next year. After Jeancarlos finishes vicarage Lord willing he will graduate from the Seminary in May 2022, at which point we will move back to Peru.



Seminarian Jeancarlos preparing for worship

Prayer Requests:

We give thanks that we are together again as a family in the Dominican Republic.

We give thanks for Eliana's Visa to enter the Dominican Republic. We pray now for her residency process.

We give thanks for the end of the school year at the seminary. And for the pastoral and deaconess students that participated this year.

We give thanks for news about Jeancarlos' vicarage starting in August 2021 in the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

We pray for the congregations of Palmar Arriba and Pueblo Nuevo in the Dominican Republic and their Pastors who are both currently traveling in the US for home service.

Please join us in praying for those church members who have fallen away over the last year during the restrictions and obstacles placed by the pandemic.

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Spending time with the ladies of the congregation in their homes



Visitation— Time Together — Sharing Jesus

After being away from the field for so long, an important part of my work this month is simply reconnecting with all of the church members, deaconesses and deaconess students. I have been making a list and trying to visit with all of the ladies of both congregations where I work. These visits have been a mix of socializing to reconnect, talking about heart issues over coffee or sharing in cooking and culture. In addition we have been praying together and reading scripture and applying it to our lives. The Lord uses our time together in the homes doing simple every day tasks like cooking or talking about babies, to break down barriers and give opportunities to talk about our Christian lives and share the Gospel with people. The children have been my constant companions on these visits to fellow missionaries as well Dominican church members. Sharing smiles, love and Jesus with everyone they meet. It has been a blessing to spend time with each of these special ladies to encourage them in the faith and hear about the joys and struggles they have had while I was away. The ladies have responded with joy and excitement at this

visitation effort asking to go along with me to visit others. They are also wanting to get youth group and Sunday school activities started again as well as begin planning for a VBS this summer. We pray that the Lord may continue to encourage them so that they may serve their neighbor and share the Good News with him.



Abraham shares mangos with the neighbors and goes on visitation to the sick with mommy.



Eliana and Caitlin attending a Seminary planning meeting and Abraham sings with the church choir



Caitlin and Jeancarlos both work to share Jesus with the children through Sunday school, puppets and story time at church and in homes



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