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



Greetings in the Name of our Savior Jesus. The new year has been busy and full in ministry activities. Jeancarlos continues his final year of studies and vicarage under a new supervisor, a local Dominican pastor. We are looking forward to his graduation in May. After his graduation our family will be returning to Peru so that he can be ordained and called as a pastor. Deaconess Caitlin continues to work with the youth, school and ladies in Palmar Arriba. Caitlin has also been working with the ladies specifically on accounting at the Church. Learning how to do Good bookkeeping and how to be Good stewards of the gifts that God has given to us. A new, old Project, has been getting the Amigos de Jesus (Friends of Jesus) ministry started again in our congregation. This is an outreach to families with disabilities in the community.



During February our Church had men's night. Men from the community were invited to play dominos, eat and have bible study together. There were about 15 men in attendance and only about 5 of them were Church members. The

other men who came were husbands, fathers and brothers of the women in our congregation. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know these men, share the gospel with them and talk about what it means to be a man! Please pray that we are able to continue reaching out to these men and sharing Christ with them.



Above: Vicar Jeancarlos teaches bible study Below: group photo Men's Night



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Prayer Requests:

We pray for the planning for our family's return to Peru August 2022.

We pray for the children's peruvian passports and continue to pray for their other citizenship documents.

We give thanks for the deaconess intensive course on Mercy in January. We pray for the upcoming course on confessions in March.

> We pray for the end of Jeancarlos' studies in Seminary and for his graduation.

Please pray for all our Deaconess students who will also be graduating in May 2022.

We give thanks for our time in the Dominican Republic serving the mission here.

Praise the Lord for Men's Night and pray for evangelism efforts with these men.

We pray for the upcoming women's night in March.

Deaconess Classes

Caitlin's work with the seminary on deaconess formation continues. Over the last few months she has worked collaboratively on the writing of two new course manuals, Confessions and Diaconal Care. The first class confessions will be taught in the



Dominican Republic by Caitlin at the end of March. Diaconal Care will be



taught as an intensive in May before
graduation. In January we had an intensive
class on Theology of Mercy. The ladies spent
3 days together to study God's word and the

topic of suffering. The students now have

two classes left to graduate in May. Here in the Dominican Republic we have 14 students from five different countries. The program expands over five different



countries. This will be our first graduating class. We are expecting around 80 women to graduate in May 2022.



Photos from a house blessing at Dominican deaconess' Mella's new home.

The Ramirez Family is going on HOME SERVICE!

That means we are coming to visit you, and share in person the stories about what is happening on the field. We are currently making plans to be in the US during June and July. Please reach out to us to make plans for us to visit you!

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