



The Byrd's

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in the Dominican Republic

Dear Friends,

You have been praying for us!!!! We have seen the results of God's people going to God on our behalf. What a month it has been for us! Last month I wrote you about Larosía who came to faith in Christ in our Haitian congregation. Well her neighbor, who began attending about the same time as Larosía, Emelíz trusted Christ as her savior a few weeks ago. While they are both facing strong persecution from their families and friends for attending, Emelíz told us that "I can not continue without being saved. I want to trust Jesus Christ!" She was baptized last Sunday.

We asked you to pray about our van. God responded with His favor. As you all know, the cost of used vehicles has skyrocketed. God, through the kindness of His people and their obedience to His Spirit answered your prayers, and met the need. We purchased the van last Friday, and have been running the wheels off of it ever since with ministry endeavors. We had over over 50 people ride two vans to church this past Sunday. Thank you for your prayers and faithful support.

We asked you to pray about the evangelistic Bible study in Pontón. Well we began two weeks ago, and it's off to a great start. It is especially exciting to see our new Haitians brothers and sisters in Christ, arrive each week with unsaved friends, and taking initiative to serve in various roles. We hope to start another one in a different part of town in the near future. These are great opportunities to train leaders as well. Keep praying for these outreach opportunities.

We asked you to pray as we seek to develop spiritual leaders in both congregations. God has answered your prayers in this area as well. The excitement in the Haitian group has prompted some of our Dominican men to want to step forward as well. I have five who have asked me to give another class on Homiletics, because they want to learn to preach the Bible. So we plan on beginning the first week of October.

These are exciting times for us. I hope you fully understand the effect that your faithfulness to fulfill the Great Commission is having in our city. While we still have hundreds of thousands of people to reach, God is at work. I truly hope your faith is deepened and your heart engaged as you read our reports. We are seeing God's Hand on His Work, because of you. Thank you for allowing us to be your "boots on the ground" for the sake of the Gospel.

Living the Dream,

Gary, Tami, Heidi, Darby & Haley.

