

LANE FAMILY

Missionaries to The Dominican Republic

Acts 4:12

January-March 2023

Please pray with us for:

- **Teah's Gma for her health and grieving at the homegoing of Teah's Gpa**
- **Joshua's Dad's health/upcoming diaphragm surgery**
- **Iglesia Bautista Agua Viva**
 - **wisdom in decisions**
 - **teenagers to stay faithful**
 - **several adults in need of good jobs**
 - **spiritual growth and unity**
- **Lost souls in the Dominican Republic**

Dear friends and fellowlaborers,

We apologize for the length of time that has passed since our last letter. The end of last year and the beginning of this year has been full of family deaths, and ongoing health problems with our loved ones.

We have a Van!

We are super grateful to every person and church who gave so that Iglesia Bautista Agua Viva could have a new to us church van.

In September of 2022, we received news that Carribean Mountain Academy (A US Christian based reform school) would be closing their doors and liquidating all of their assets here in Jarabacoa. As most of you know the used car market has been insane recently. It is worse here as we are on an island. Teah and I had been searching for months with no success. Everything was either way out of budget or used beyond reasonable repair. I let them know as soon as they began the liquidation process, that I was interested in looking at their vans. In November, one of their employees and close friend of mine called me and told me the process was to begin the next day. He told me to come asap and make an offer on the 2012 Toyota Hiace 15 passenger minibus. He was familiar with all of the vehicles and

assured me it was the best of the fleet. After looking it over and test driving it. We made an offer for the minibus as well as a small cargo trailer which will give us the ability to haul suitcases for groups, and stuff for camps. Our offer was accepted that same day with almost no negotiation.

Buying a vehicle here is very different from the United States. We have had the help of lawyers, and couriers running back forth. It is a long process. Sometimes it can take months to receive a title (known here as a matricula) Ours is no exception. As of the writing of this letter we our still waiting for papers to process. However, we have the van and trailer in our hands now.



Everytime I look at this van I am reminded and humbled by your continued generosity as well as your trust in us to be wise stewards over what you give to the Lord. I am also reminded of what Paul said in 2 Corinthians 8:13-15, that "at the time of your abundance was a supply for their want." I want to challenge you to read these verses and understand what Christ means by equality and not allow it to be defined by the world around us. The Lord doesn't want us to be burdened as believers, but He does want us to take care of each other and love each other as we love our ourselves. Again thank you all so much for giving to the Lord.

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