

LANE FAMILY

Missionaries to The Dominican Republic

Acts 4:12

January-April 2025

Please pray with us for:

- **Iglesia Bautista Agua Viva**
 - wisdom in decisions
 - teenagers to stay faithful
 - pregnancy of Anyibel ("Angie Bell")
 - spiritual growth and unity
- **Lost souls in the Dominican Republic**
- **Recovery from hernia surgery**

Dear friends and fellow laborers,

We hope this letter finds you well. Several weeks ago, I woke up with a severe pain on my lower left side and a lot of nausea. I went to the clinic and found out that I had an inguinal hernia. To make a long story short, I ended up having to have surgery. The surgeon made a three inch incision and inserted mesh. It has been a difficult recovery. This week the stitches were removed and the surgeon gave me a clean bill of health. I am still in some pain and have restrictions for 90 days. We are extremely grateful to the Lord for providing us with a timely solution to this health problem. We are also thankful for good doctors who dedicate their lives to helping heal others. Please pray for continued recovery.

Salvations

Over the last four months we have had the opportunity to see several of our teenagers accept Jesus as their Savior. One of these young men whose name is Anderson has been quite a challenge since he came to us three years ago. He was always loud and talked during sermons and devotions. He was always getting other people into trouble. More than once, I have had to break up fights that he instigated in the church. His behavior had reached a point where we were beginning to have conversations about not allowing him to come back for the sake of everyone else.

In January I started a 15-week teaching series with our teenagers called "Who is God?" In

the series we studied fifteen different attributes of God's character. If you had asked me if Anderson were paying attention, I would have told you no. Little did I know.

On February 22, 2025, after the lesson on God is Eternal, Anderson came up and asked if he could talk to Pastor Carlos and myself. He started by asking questions about baptism which is a common place for Catholics to start. Pastor Carlos began fielding his questions and quickly guided him towards his true need which was salvation. At 8:29pm Anderson knelt at the altar and asked Jesus to save him from his sins and gave his life to Christ. When he got up, he looked at me with tears in his eyes and said something I will never forget. He said, "I'm different!" And he is! He is still a rambunctious teenager, but he tells other people about Jesus. He listens attentively to the lessons and sermons. He has not missed a worship service, or an activity since that night. And I have not had to break up any more fights. Every time he sees me, he says those two beautiful words to me. "I'm different!"

If you have never experienced salvation, today you can give your life to Christ. He died and rose again so that you too can "be different."

Medical Group

In March, we had another medical group come to Iglesia Bautista Agua Viva. This time they were all younger pre-med students. They came early and worshipped with us on Sunday morning. I had the privilege of preaching the sermon that day in English while one of our young men interpreted. Many of them went to the altar at invitation time. It was an incredible time of worship with our Savior. Over the course of the next three days they were able to triage and treat over 500 people. During this time 14 people accepted Jesus as their personal Savior! Praise the Lord! Great things He hath done!

In Christ,

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