

THE LANE FAMILY

Missionaries to The Dominican Republic

Acts 4:12

March 2020

Please Pray with us for:

- **Salvation of our young people's families as they watch our online services**
- **The health and spiritual growth of those we minister to in the Dominican Republic**
 - **Saony, Jefry, Smerling, and Ramon have circumstances that put them at increased risk for the virus**
- **God's provision as we make travel plans to transition to Career and raise more support**

Dear Pastors and family in the Lord,

If you had told us at the end of February what all would transpire in March, I would not have believed it. Imagine a place where in the evenings the doors of every house are open and neighbors walking around from house to house visiting. Imagine streets full of children playing, people sharing food, playing games, working on motorcycles, and streets full of smiling faces with sound of laughter often overpowered by loud music. This is a typical Dominican street on a typical Dominican evening. Now the streets are empty. Businesses are closed except banks and grocery stores.

We sat in our house in mandatory quarantine in the Dominican Republic for 6 days not knowing what to expect. We received word that are tickets which had been purchased for April 22nd to come back to the States for furlough and to transition to career status had been canceled. We watched for three consecutive days as the US embassy consistently raised the alert level. I woke up on March 19th and had a level 4 alert. "Exit the Dominican Republic or be left abroad indefinitely" is what the subject line read. After having a conversation with our Pastor and also our mission board we decided to leave a

month early. We had two choices, fly through JFK and self-isolate for two weeks or fly through Newark and self-isolate for two weeks. We prayerfully chose JFK and held our breath in the airport as flight after flight got canceled. Ours was delayed by more than 7 hours.



We are now in self-isolation in Springfield, Mo rescheduling meetings and holding online services with our people in the Dominican Republic. We talk to them everyday over WhatsApp and FB, and this last Wednesday after our prayer service I was able to counsel with one of our young ladies over WhatsApp. Teah and I have been very burdened for some of our young people who have made professions but still have a lot of confusion about baptism. As most of you know they are steeped in Catholicism and have a lot of false teaching about baptism. This last Wednesday we were so excited to be able to talk with Inyina about baptism and have her respond with the desire to follow the Lord in believer's baptism. Praise the Lord, He is working in times like these. She told us when we are able to get back in the building, she would like to be baptized into the membership of Iglesia Bautista Agua Viva.

Thank you for taking time to read our prayer letter. We know this is a difficult time for everyone. We are praying for you!

Your fellow-servants,

Josh and Teah

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