



The Sidler Family
Serving Christ in the Dominican Republic

Dear Pastor and Church family:

April 17, 2025

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. The Lord has certainly been very good to us with His daily blessings and mercies. My health has continued to be good, and we thank the Lord for that and for your prayers.

We thank the Lord for the results of our recent "Friend Sunday". The Lord gave us 1,050 in our Sunday morning service with 84 professions of faith. During the week, before the special Sunday, the Lord opened the door for us to be in 6 schools that surround our church. The schools had from 500 to just over a 1,000 students in each school. We went into each classroom, gave a gospel presentation and invitation to receive Christ as Saviour, and we left each of the students and teachers with a book of Romans and an invitation to attend our "Friend Sunday". There were just over 2,000 students and teachers who said they received Christ as their Saviour. During the week we handed out approximately 33,000 Romans and invitations for our special day. We thank the EPIC Ministries from the Wyldewood Baptist Church of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, who brought a special group to be with us and worked to help our church with this special meeting.

Our church ladies went to a special one day Lady's Conference hosted by the North Coast Baptist Church in Nagua, Dominican Republic with Pastor Jeffri Polanco. 23 of our ladies went and enjoyed a special time with Mrs. Cristina Tyson, the pastor's wife of the Woodlawn Baptist Church of Bowie, MD. The Lord blessed in a great way.

Next week our home church will be making a visit here to be with us with their 3 three graduates from Independent Baptist Academy. The church and school have been making a Senior Mission's Trip for years, and they usually visit Puerto Rico or the Dominican Republic. I graduated from our church's Christian school in May of 1983, almost 42 years ago. I was saved the year before and had the privilege of spending my last year of Highschool at our Christian school, which I paid for myself washing dishes in a local restaurant. That year we visited Puerto Rico during our Senior Class trip. During that trip Missionary Gary Bell pointed his finger at me and said I would be a missionary in the Caribbean. I did not agree at the time, as I thought that to be a missionary I would have to go somewhere like India, and I was definitely not willing to go there at the time. Shortly after that I surrendered to go wherever the Lord would have me go,

and eventually the Lord let me know He wanted me to go to the Dominican Republic. Praise the Lord for His calling upon my life, and for a wonderful wife who has been willing to follow me in God's will.

Please pray that the Lord will bless in our different upcoming ministry activities here. This Sunday morning we have our annual Sunrise Service at 6 am. May 4th is our mid-year Mission's Booster Sunday; Saturday, May 10th we have a deaf activity; Sunday, May 11th, I will be preaching for the 2nd year anniversary for our church in El Limon, with Pastor Carlos; and on the week of May 23rd through May 30th we will be doing 2 special meetings with our two churches on the Haitian border with Pastor Felo and Pastor Santo. (A group of college age young men from the Berean Baptist Church of Lilburn, GA, will be coming to help us with these 2 meetings.) In addition to these activities our Summer Baptist Family Camp is coming up on July 28-31. The cost this year is \$50 per camper. As many of you know \$50 is a lot of money for most of our people and we really need help to be able to help subsidize this very worthy activity. Most of the preachers that come out of our ministry are called to preach during our camp week. Many other great decisions to be in God's will are also made during camp. One of our young men, Francisco, years ago had his phone off at camp, so it wouldn't interrupt the services. He missed an important call for an internship for a really good job and wept with me as he shared how he missed the call since we made him cut his phone off. However, God called him to preach during that camp. Now, he has finished studying and preparing in our Bible College and church, he is getting married very soon, and will be going to an area called Sanchez, in the Samana Peninsula to start a church. He is another fruit of the investment made in camp each year. If you would be able to help with a special offering for our camp program this year you can send it to: **Steve Sidler, BIML, P.O. Box 9, Harrison, TN, 37341. *Sidler Camp Program.**

Thank you so very much for your faithful support through the years and for being our friends and co-laborers in the ministry. God bless you!

*Your friends and servants in the Dominican Republic,
Missionaries Steve and Nohemy Sidler*

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