

## The Sidler Family Serving Christ in the Dominican Republic

Dear Pastor and Church family:

November 17, 2025

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. As we reflect upon all of God's many blessings for 2025, we are extremely grateful that the Lord put you together with us as co-laborers to serve the Lord here in the Dominican Republic. "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building". 1 Corinthians 3:9. Thank you for all of the great memories that the Lord has given us as you make it possible through your prayers and financial support for us to plant churches in the Dominican Republic.

As the years go by we have said goodbye for a while to friends we have loved and have served with. During the month of October we lost some friends and loved ones at our church. One was a man named Luis. Luis and his wife Nelly used to attend another church in the area. Although their doctrine was different in some areas, Nelly was already saved, but not Luis. Luis and Nelly began to visit our church. Luis worked at the Port of Haina working on exports. He lived a very wicked life, but by God's grace he got saved and he and Nelly became faithful members in our church. Luis got Alzheimer's and eventually he got so bad he was unable to attend church anymore, and he became bedridden. This was very hard on sister Nelly. In His mercy, the Lord took Luis home a couple of weeks ago. I am so glad that my wife and I answered God's call to see people like Luis saved and he and Nelly in our church.

As you have heard in previous prayer letters, I have really struggled with my health in the last 4 years. I am going through some issues now, I have had a lot of treatment for different issues under my doctor's direction, and am excited about continuing to serve the Lord while I am on this side of glory.

Our churches are doing great! Seven years ago Pastor Oliver went to Fantino and we helped him start the First Baptist Church of Fantino there. When Oliver went there, I believed it was of the Lord to ask him if he would be willing to come back to Quita Sueño to pastor our church. He said yes. Two years ago the Lord laid on my heart to ask him to come to be copastor of our church. He came and works full-time at our church in Quita Sueño from Sunday until Friday mornings. On Fridays he goes to the church in Fantino and has services and activities there until Sunday mornings. Then he comes back to Quita Sueño and is with our church there. This has freed me up to be able to visit and help the 14 different churches we have had the privilege of starting and one that we took over from another missionary. Of course, these are all Independent Baptist Churches governed by the leadership of their local pastors, but the Lord has continued to give me the opportunity of helping these churches to become more of what God would have them be. Pastor Oliver being there really frees me up to be able to do more in all of the churches we have started. We praise the Lord for what He has done and what he continues to do.

Please remember in prayer Pastor Santos in Los Carrizales. His motor went out on his motorcycle and he needs it to travel back and forth to his church, which is about a half hour away. A replacement motorcycle for him would cost around \$1500. Also pray for Pastor Fernando. They have had a struggle for a good number of years with a building for their church in La Nueva Barquita. They own the property, but it will cost around \$20,000 for them to get a simple structure up there. Of course, with 15 churches, there are constant needs with the individual pastor's families and their church needs.

Thank you, thank you for helping make it possible for all of these churches to exist. We are so very privileged to have you as our friends who pray and help us hold the fort down here in the Dominican Republic. God bless you!

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

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