



## *The Sidler Family*

*Serving Christ in the Dominican Republic*

Dear Pastor and Church family:

February 13, 2026

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. I was supposed to have this letter to you in January, but we had a lot of things happen in January that put us behind. First, right after Christmas and New Years, I got sick with something, but didn't know for sure what it was. It was very sick. I didn't want to go to the doctors just so he could tell me I had a bad cold or the flu. But finally, after not being around anyone for two weeks, so that I wouldn't spread whatever I had to anyone, I finally went to the urgent care center. They told me there that I had pneumonia. It is the third time I have had it in my life, and in a recent medical procedure the doctor asked me about some bad lung damage I had when I almost died with pneumonia. Praise the Lord I have gotten over it and am doing much better now.

After I found out I had pneumonia and couldn't spread anything to anybody, and after I took antibiotics to clear up my lungs, my wife and I went to see my Pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Pat Creed, Sr. We stayed with them for a couple of days. Then we drove back up to New Jersey to spend a few days with our daughter, son, his wife, and our grandson, Ronan. The day after we left was the big snow storm with a couple of feet of snow in many places on the East Coast. That Sunday, the day after we left, Dr. Creed was having a hard time with his health and the only way to get him to the hospital was with an ambulance. Neither his family nor folks from their church were able to get out because of the bad the roads with the snow and ice. During the next few days he went back and forth getting better and then worse again. Finally he had some complications with a childhood problem with his liver which affected other parts of his body. After struggling all week in the hospital, his heart finally gave out on Friday night, January 30<sup>th</sup>, and he went on to be with the Lord. Before we left on the Saturday morning before, he sat my wife and I down at his dining room table and prayed for all of my family, and for some other people. We gave him and Mrs. Creed a hug, told them both that we loved them, shed some tears saying goodbye, however we did not know that it would be the last time we would see him on this side of glory.

In 1972 Dr. Creed sent a church bus to pick up my sister, my brother, and me at Dennis Grove Apartments in Oxon Hill, to take us to church. I was a hard case, and finally, after attending Independent off and on for 10 years through the effort of different bus captains, a deacon, named A.T. George won me to the Lord on March of 1982. I went to Independent and got baptized the next day. My life changed drastically from a life of drugs, alcohol, and other terrible things. The next year I worked my way washing dishes at Joe's El Rancho Restaurant, to pay for my last year of High School attending Independent Baptist Academy at our church. Upon graduating from High School, I attended our Bible Institute for 3 years, and then finished my studies graduating from Hyles-Anderson College in 1988. On Father's Day of 1988, the Lord allowed me to start a Spanish ministry at Independent. In January of 1994 during our Mission's Conference at Independent and visiting the Dominican Republic with Dr. Creed the next week, God called me and my fiancé, Nohemy, to go to the Dominican Republic as Missionaries. We have served there since August of 1996 and have planted 15 churches. We thank God for our Godly heritage from Dr. Pat Creed Sr. and how God continues to use Pastor Mike Creed at our home church.

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After the funeral we flew back to the Dominican Republic this weekend. The Lord gave us a full house at church this Sunday, and some people saved, and also a full house and a great service again for our mid-week service. Tomorrow we will have our Valentines Banquet. This coming week, Pastor Pat Creed Jr. and Evangelist Phil Clausner will be coming to do two Bible College Modulators for our Bible College. The classes will be "A Changed Life", and "The Book of Ester". Dr. Creed brought pastors for almost 30 years to the Dominican Republic to do Bible College modulators for our college. Dr. Creed talked to me recently and told me that the Lord had laid upon the heart of Pastor Pat Creed Jr., his son, to continue the Bible College modulators for us, organizing new pastors to come each year. I did not know that he would be doing it this year with Dr. Creed in heaven. But praise the Lord that his labors will continue. We have a new young man in our church, Andres, from Venezuela, who is extremely excited about serving the Lord. He is going to enroll in our Bible College and is talking about starting churches in Venezuela. Praise the Lord!

Thank you so very much, my friends, for your faithful prayer and financial support for our ministry here. We are so thankful to our Lord for the great opportunity that we have to plant churches here in the Dominican Republic. Thank you for being our friends. God bless you!

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

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