Dear Praying Partners, 12. 06. 2024

Merry Christmas from the Dominican Republic!

Ministry Update:

The work in *Mata Bonita* continues to thrive! We've seen steady growth, with many visitors and professions of faith this month. In fact, we are already outgrowing our new space faster than anticipated. Praise God for this challenge! Please pray as we work toward organizing a baptism service soon (possibly in a nearby creek).

The hunger for the Gospel in this area is palpable, particularly among the Haitian community,



where we are seeing a tremendous response. Pam has been working with an average of 25-35 children outdoors. It's amazing to see how eager these children are to sit and listen to Bible lessons. Many of them are completely new to the Bible, so Pam has been teaching them

about creation. Please pray that the Gospel will take root in their hearts and that they may come to know the Lord from a young age.

In *Nagua*, we recently celebrated Missions Month, and we are thrilled with the turnout. The church nearly doubled its missions giving and is now supporting five missionary families, with plans to prayerfully add another soon. It is such a joy to see the church growing in its commitment to fulfilling the Great Commission. Equally, more of our members are actively witnessing to others. Praise God for this spiritual growth!

Evangelistic Campaign in Samaná

This year, we had the blessing of expanding the area of the evangelistic efforts to include Nagua and Mata Bonita as part of the group's outreach in Samaná (This group travels from Maryland to the Dominican during the fall). Over three days, we canvassed schools and shared the Gospel with children and teens. The turnout was incredible, and both works have seen an increase in Sunday attendance —particularly in Mata Bonita.

It's wonderful to see so many people reaching the Dominican for Christ. Yet, it is also a sobering



reminder of the multitudes who have yet to hear. Mark 6:34 says, "And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because

they were as sheep not having a shepherd..." Please join us in praying for more laborers to help reach the entire island for Christ.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. May God bless you richly this Christmas season as we celebrate the Savior's birth and look forward to the hope of His return.

In Christ,

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