

The Cunninghams Serving In The Dominican Republic



DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

January 2024

Happy New Year to all of our Family and Friends!

Our New Year started off with a BIG BANG – of Fireworks that is! The Dominicans around the neighborhood really know how to ring in the New Year! It was LOUD! Fireworks were landing directly on our house which led us be concerned that the mango tree right outside our window could catch fire at any minute! Oh the joys of the journey! Never a dull moment here in San Pedro!

What a blessing it has been to receive encouragement from our supporting churches over the Christmas holidays. Your Christmas gifts were appreciated so much. We had the opportunity to pay the blessing forward by buying groceries for two Dominican families to ensure that they would be able to enjoy "Buena Noche" (Christmas Eve dinner) with their families. It is always a humbling experience to deliver what we would consider the "ordinary" things to these families and see their faces light up with gratitude over bread, rice, beans, eggs....and then when you throw in candies and cookies – well, that's a reason to really celebrate!

IBERS had it's first official business meeting since organizing as an official church. The church voted in deacons and officers of the church. It was the very first time that most of the people had ever had a part in this type of meeting. We are thankful for how far the Lord has brought this church – He gets the Glory for it all!

Thanks to several donations, Las Palmas was able to have the work completed over the Christmas break on the water pump and new drainage system. The future looks a lot less "flooded" with the new grates that will allow the water to drain quickly. We are thankful that this project was able to be completed while the students were away, and again – it could not have been done as quickly and efficiently without the help of those that support our work here. We are also grateful for those that gave to help replace damaged books and supplies in the Preschool area. In fact, we received more than we lost! God is good.

Our prayer for all of those that will read this update is that God continues to bless you because you are such a blessing to us. Your generosity makes it possible for us to not only live here and serve – but, it makes it possible for us to share the blessings we receive with others here. We would love to share the ministry up close and personal! Consider planning a trip to visit us – we would love to show you around!

Because He Came We Must GO

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