

**MARCH 2016** 

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from the Dominican Republic! I hope this letter finds you all well. We are glad to be settled back into our normal routines here after our short time in the States, and we are looking forward to a great spring and summer.



## - YOUTH ACTIVITIES -

February was an eventful month, with its ups and downs. We just had our first of five teen rallies this past week. Four churches, including ours, came together for a day of games, competitions, singing and preaching. Over 100 teens and adults came. It was a very encouraging and challenging service for all who were there.

We also had a small group of teens from El Faro go up north to Puerto Plata to assist the Scheper family in the grandopening of their new church plant, Iglesia Bautista Vista del Mar. The teens went out canvassing all day Saturday then

were able to help with Sunday School, music and the carnival games afterwards. It was a tremendous day, with over 250 in attendance and many decisions made for Christ! We are very excited for what the Lord is doing in the North and thankful to have had a part in it.

## - COSTA RICA UPDATE -

Cynthia was able to travel to Costa Rica for four days to see her grandmother. A month ago she fell very ill and they found that she had stage 4 colon cancer which had advanced throughout her body. They sent her home from the hospital with hospice care. Cynthia met up with her mom in CR and was able to help care for her grandmother and also had the opportunity to share the gospel with her once more. She passed away 2 days after Cynthia returned home. Please keep the family in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

## - UPCOMING PLANS -

- ▶ We are also gearing up for the 9th anniversary of Iglesia Bautista El Faro on March 5. Bro. Chris Phillips will be here to preach for us during the week. Please pray the Lord blesses with good attendance and souls saved.
- ▶ That same week Bro & Mrs Phillips will be teaching Sunday School Seminars to better equip the teachers to teach. We are praying that others will have a desire to start helping as teachers also.
- ▶ In 2 weeks I will be taking a trip to scout out the city of Cotui. Please pray for this trip, that God would make His Will clear. Cotui has a population of 75,000 people with no nearby gospel-preaching churches of any kind.

## **Please Pray**

- Church Anniversary Sunday
  - Sunday School Seminars
  - Cynthia's Family
  - Trip to Cotui, RD
    - Safety/Health
      - Language
    - Souls Saved
  - 15 Passenger Van
- Laminating Machine

Thank you all so much for your faithful prayers and financial support of our family and ministry here. Please continue to pray for our family's safety, our continued development of the language and culture, and for souls to be saved here in the Dominican Republic. God bless!

In His Service, Chad Pape