

The Cunninghams Serving In The Dominican Republic



DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

March 2023

We send greetings and continued good news from the Dominican Republic. God has blessed the work in Ramon Santana and it has been exciting to see so many people from the city joining us each week for worship!

Pastor Mota has been preaching a series on the church and steps to organizing as a church. We are ready to take the next step as a church plant out of IBEM in San Pedro de Macoris and organizing as a church in Ramon Santana. It has taken many years – sometimes the work seemed slow – but, we hope to have everything in place within the next few months from the legal side of things (not an easy task here in the DR) and of course, from the spiritual side. We have a church constitution and are gearing up to have membership classes for the people to participate in and understand not only the rights of being a member – but, the responsibilities of church membership. We certainly covet your prayers as IBERS moves forward in this very important step of this ministry.

The church is growing! We have had an average of over 90 people since the beginning of 2023. The number in attendance includes between 35-45 children!!! You can imagine the excitement in the children's church area! Because our building is so small – we can "hear" their excitement each week! We are needing to create a space for a nursery since we now have about 5 babies weekly that are too small for the children's church but, too big for mama's lap anymore!



We are so thankful for the support that we receive from individuals and churches that have helped provide chairs for the children's area. A special thanks to those who donated funds to allow us to buy tables and more chairs for the kids.

Last month, the church was able to purchase a piece of property that is next door to the church. We are excited about the future and look forward to seeing what was a tiny church plant grow into a thriving church family that is reaching the city for Christ.

Thank you for your continued support both financially and in your prayers.

Because He Came We Must GO

John & Lynn