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"Neither is their salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Acts 4:12

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Dear Prayer Warriors,



Over the years here in the DR, we have seen some fruit in "long term investments." Many people over the years have made professions of faith (we praise the Lord for that!). Many of those have moved away, and in some cases come back. As we see the core of the church in Vista Catalina, nearly all of them we reached during their formative years. Such a long investment can seem difficult, but the Lord has blessed. The goal of the church has been to become more "child and youth friendly." In 2022, the youth group began regular weekly meetings and is developing. They also have started an AWANA program which has been a big hit for our people and the community around us. Sunday evening small groups have also been an effective way of teaching, reaching, fellowship, and also has helped with our people

who struggle with transportation.

As we continue on in 2023, help us pray for the **First Baptist Church of Vista Catalina** in the following ways:

- 1.) **the building program** UPDATE..The floorplans are complete and have been submitted by Public Works. If all goes well, we expect an approval within the next 4-6 weeks. At that point, we will know exactly how much everything will cost, and we can begin the foundation construction. Thank you much who have already contributed to this very important project
- 2.) **outreach.** We praise the Lord for those who have been reached with the Gospel! The different ministries we are involved with always require much prayer, as the Lord prepares hearts. PRAISE...Naida, one of our newcomers, was baptized and admitted to the membership on the final Sunday in March. Keep her in your prayers. There are also several in one on one discipleship (**Geoffrey, Rosa, Jefferson, and Deiry**), as well as our sons **Steven and Jonathan**.

- 3.) **Equipping the saints.** As the church searches for a national pastor, Matt is leading a few of the men in pastoral training. Please be in prayer for this process of growth and preparation.

We thank all of you from the bottoms of our hearts for your continued prayers and support. Our prayers continue to be lifted towards heaven for you!

God bless,

The Pattons

Matt, Flor, Andrew, Steven, and
Jonathan Patton

