

The Cunninghams Serving In The Dominican Republic



DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

April 2023

As we come to you this month, we are joyful, concerned, and excited for the journey ahead - all at the same time!

Joyful – Yes! The Youth Group at the church in Ramon Santana meets every Saturday evening and the number of teens that are showing up, enjoying Praise and Worship, a devotional, small group Bible study, and games is growing weekly. We are thankful for those that lead the group and especially for the salvation of one of those teens recently. We were able to witness his baptism and that of another young lady in the church on Easter Sunday. We had our largest attendance on Easter with 106! The place was packed and the excitement for worshiping a risen Savior was evident!



Joyful – Yes! Since school started this year, Las Paslmas Christian

School has seen 20 students accept Christ as Savior! Many have already been baptized and all of them are currently in a discipleship program with one of our teachers or older HS students! We are also very thankful and blessed to hear that 2 parents of younger students have accepted Christ and are faithfully attending Iglesia Bautista Evangelica en Macoris. These two parents sought out the church that some of our teachers attend because they were impacted by the testimony of teachers who are living out their faith, showing kindness and grace, and being joyful when they brought their own children to school!

Concerned - As most of you know from previous prayer letters, I (John) lost my mother after a long period of time with dementia, and she was bedridden for months. Now, we face uncertainty with my dad. He has a form of leukemia that has progressed rather rapidly over the past couple of months. We covet your prayers as we make decisions. We want to be wise, good stewards, and a blessing to our family and to the ministry.

Excited for the journey ahead – God is always working. Even when we can't see Him working. He is providing, blessing, and continues to use us. We look forward to see how IBERS in Ramon Santana will grow in the months to come. We look forward to more students accepting Christ at Las Palmas! We are looking forward to seeing God provide needed funds to cover the school's basketball court, to building a permanent wall on the children's area and other needs at the church. We are looking forward to sharing the ministry here with the many mission teams that will be coming to San Pedro in the weeks to come.

Because He Came We Must GO

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