



the RESTORE report

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Greetings from Middle Georgia. I hope this letter finds you well as we begin our summer adventures. I just wanted to update you on several of our projects that we're involved with here at RMI – both in the U.S. and the Dominican.



First, our church facilities church revitalization project in Florida that we have talked about for the last several years, is finally nearing an end. It has been a lot of work, but the project is on budget and on schedule, so praise the Lord for that! The church has continued to grow and develop during this awkward time of construction, and it has been evident that God has been moving in this ministry during our time here. We believe we only have a few months of work left before we are completed, however, with the large amount of travel and fund-raising to be done this summer, it will likely be the end of September until we are completed, and all the equipment is back at the home base in Georgia.

Chase and Brooke Starling - our interns for the last 12 months - have completed their time and returned to Texas for the next stage of their life and ministry. Chase's effort on this project was invaluable (especially because he spent most of the time doing things I couldn't do, such as crawling through an attic pulling wires and plumbing). Although it was probably more work than he expected, Chase ground through a tough year of remodel work, soaking up as much knowledge and experience as he could to use in the coming years. We want to say a public thank you to both Brooke and Chase for the sacrifices they made with unusual living quarters, long hours, and underwhelming pay and support in a ministry that they did not have history with. The church adopted them as part of their family and will never forget their time with the Starlings. I also want to say thank you to those of you who supported Brooke and Chase financially during their internship. I would ask that you consider continuing your support for the next couple months as they get resituated in Texas. RMI will continue to accept donations and support for the Starlings until August 31st.



Our second effort - and increasingly main effort – has been our continued support of the ministries in New Jerusalem, Dominican Republic. We have just returned from a 10 day trip to the DR which included hosting a team of 20 for a week of service and introduction to the many ministries and missionaries RMI supports. It was a week of multiple opportunities to serve, including children's ministries, speaking opportunities, leading and joining in worship in multiple services, teaming up for a concert in a local community, and celebrating with the New Jerusalem pre-school in their first graduation ceremonies. We saw 2 saved during those services and several worship times where God's presence was



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felt in a way I've rarely seen. The team raised funds amongst themselves to help pay for a surgery for Pastor Guitho's 3 year old daughter, Djoulissa, and to complete the construction of Pastor Mathieu's auditorium. It was hot and we drank over 400 bottles of water in 5 days between meals. After the group left, I had several dental appointments to prepare for major work on my teeth. We met with several other ministries in the DR to discuss how we could partner to better serve New Jerusalem and the surrounding communities. We also had a 4 hour board meeting to discuss the pre-school next year and the many areas in need of development and improvement.

In the coming weeks I'll be reaching out to many of our donors sharing a financial need regarding our final payment on the large piece of property we've purchased in New Jerusalem. The final payment of \$60,000 is due in September, and we are excited about what God is going to do on this property in the coming years. In the last couple of weeks Robin and I had some time to stop and tally the funds that God has provided through our supporters to the many different efforts and ministries in the DR. These funds have allowed the pre-school to develop from nothing to a school of nearly 90 in just 18 months. This weekend the 5 churches had around 1000 people in attendance in multiple different services. Just 18 months ago that number was less than 200. God is blessing these ministries and using these men in a special way and I believe He is using our supporters in a huge way to assist in developing these exploding ministries. I spoke to one of the pastors just yesterday and he casually mentioned that he now has 14 men in attendance of his pastoral development institute. Just one year ago, he would have been excited to have 14 show up on Sunday. If you pay attention to the news, if you watch television, if you listen to our government, it is easy to become of the opinion that God is not working right now. That is the devil's lie. God has the same power today He's ever had. He is on the move building His kingdom. His grace is still sufficient, and we are still waiting for His return in this temporary world. Thank you for your support and we covet your prayers. Talk to you soon.

In His Service,

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