

## The Cunninghams Serving In The Dominican Republic



## DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

December 2023

As we approach December, we have much to share from the Dominican Republic. It is always a great time when mission teams come to visit and allow us the opportunity to share the DR Vision and all of the ministries that encompass it. This past month, we especially were thankful that our sending church, Southpoint Baptist Church from Jacksonville, Florida paid us a visit. They were a great blessing to the church and the school.

Right after the team left, a most devastating storm came through! The storm – a tropical depression – that was supposed to just bring heavy rains – flooded the city and caused much damage throughout San Pedro. Las Palmas lost several electrical components that were submerged in water (pumps, sound equipment, microphones, wiring), the Preschool suffered the most damage with books, posters, and the loss of a copier! At our house, we were fine – for the most part. Only our laundry room flooded – the problem with that was battery operated tools happened to be on the floor! We shall see what the future holds for those tools!

We are thankful for those that have already reached out to provide financial and prayer support for the community. Ramon Santana was under water, again – the church was just fine. Thankfully, the water didn't make it that far.

We were especially grateful at Thanksgiving this year. We had the opportunity to travel to Houston, Texas where all of our kids and grands came together for the week. We celebrated "Birthmasgiving!" The first day was all about Birthdays with cake and icecream. The next day was a "Lolli and Pop Christmas!" We had our Cunningham traditional Christmas breakfast casserole and opened presents around the Christmas tree and enjoyed a special dinner as if it really was Christmas day!

On Thanksgiving – we celebrated with cinnamon roll turkeys and a real turkey for dinner! We ended our time together with a fire in the firepit where we had S'mores. We rarely get to celebrate holidays and birthdays together – so, when we have an entire week together – we make it count!

Our December is already filling up with ministry work here in the DR. May God richly bless each of you as you have been such a blessing to us through your sacrificial giving throughout the year. Your financial support help us to stay where God has called us to serve. Because He Came We Must GO

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