



The Phillips Family

Carrying the Light to the Hispanic World

Serving in the USA and the Caribbean

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Prayer Needs

Salvation of:

Alex, Juan,
María Arriaga,
Celestino, María

Revival in the hearts
and lives of the
members of IBV

Effective discipleship
for the new
believers in the
church

Continued
development of the
Bible Institute at IBV

Dawn & April- health
needs

Spiritual guidance,
power and fervor in
our lives, family and
ministry

"So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase." 1 Cor. 3:7

In his book "First Things First," Robert Covey highlights the importance of the "Law of the Farm." He states, "As in farming, success in life comes from regular disciplined, daily effort. Jesus expressed this life principle in the Bible, when He told us that as we sow, so shall we reap. A farmer cannot expect to reap a bumper crop by being lazy for three months and then "cramming" to catch up. Similarly, the greatest successes in life are built slowly and deliberately through focused, consistent, high-quality efforts on a daily basis."

Most pastors, Christian workers, and missionaries will agree that long-term faithfulness is one of the most difficult yet one of the most rewarding parts of the ministry. Our job is to faithfully walk in daily obedience. HE is the one that produces the fruit. My co-laborers, don't faint in your labor of love for the Lord! In God's time, He will bring forth the fruit from the seeds you are daily planting and watering. He has promised this to us, so TAKE HEART!

This letter is a special edition update dedicated exclusively to share details from our recent trip to the Dominican Republic. We want to praise the Lord for what He is doing there and encourage those that have prayed and given for that trip. Those of you that have been a part of our ministry for many years will be able to rejoice at the evidence of the hand of the Lord on the work there. NEXT MONTH, I AM EAGER TO SHARE WITH YOU A WONDERFUL ANSWER TO PRAYER IN THE LIFE OF IGLESIA BAPTISTA VICTORIA.



Zach Preaching Youth Outreach at Grace and Truth Baptist Church in Santo Domingo

As we mentioned in our last letter, we were able to accompany our son, Zach and his wife Toni on a missions trip with the youth leaders and teens from Lakeside Baptist Church. Pastor Tad Marshall, Zach and Toni, and the Youth leadership team did an excellent job preparing the teens for the trip. Dawn and I enjoyed doing a lot of translation for the group and they truly were a blessing to every church we visited.

The first church we ministered in was the Grace and Truth Baptist Church in Santo Domingo where missionaries Mike and Anna Doering are serving. This is the church we were able to start when we served there, and it is also where Zach grew up. The young people of Grace and Truth organized a basketball outreach during our brief visit and the park was full. What a joy it was to see Zach preaching in Spanish and serving alongside his Dominican friends that are also serving in the local church. The young teens that received Christ over 14 years ago are now leaders in the church and two of those young men have potential to become pastors one day. Dawn and I enjoyed a special evening encouraging the young leaders and sharing our heart with them.



The Johnson Family and us at Truth Baptist Church

An hour and a half north to the center of the island we conducted a youth conference with missionaries Erik and Holly Johnson at the Truth Baptist Church. We distributed hundreds of invitations, organized games and activities for the teens, and I preached a four-day series on the life of Joseph. The youth group from Lakeside did a phenomenal job of communicating with the teens and church members, singing special music in Spanish, and some even gave their salvation testimony in Spanish during the services. One of the highlights for Dawn and I was to be able to visit and preach in one of the church plants out of Truth Baptist Church. Elias and Rosa Ventura started this church out of their home and are now praying about purchasing a piece of property.

Elias' father was saved at 72 and is now 102 years old. The joy of the Lord was evident in the lives of everyone in this family and the Lord is using them greatly.



Pastor Elias and Rosa Ventura



Big Ball Volleyball at the Youth Outreach

The final church we ministered in was on the north coast of the island. Missionaries Jeffrey and Pamela Polanco have been in the city of Nagua for only a year. They are both Dominican nationals that felt the burden to return back to their home country to plant local churches. There is no doubt that the Lord will raise up a great work there.



Jeffrey and Pamela Polanco

We praise the Lord that, in the four churches we visited, there were several professions of faith and many decisions in the lives of the Dominicans. This experience also greatly impacted the Lakeside teens and their leaders. Several of them expressed the desire to be in full time ministry one day. The Lord did a work in the hearts of Dawn and me as well. In our circle of co-laborers in the Dominican, we were able to observe how that some have planted, some have watered, and how our God has given the increase. Many of you have sown by praying and giving. The good news is that God is not done yet! Let's keep watering and planting daily and trust that His church will be established. Thank you all for allowing us to be a part of this awesome journey!



Lakeside Baptist Church Teens and Leaders

For Jesus' sake, Chris and Dawn

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