## The Joyaan Eamily Serving in the Dominican Republic since 2014

March and April 2021

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

We are continually reminded through the beginning of the year, that as much as we want to return to normal there are still many restrictions preventing us from advancing like we think things should go. That's the funny thing though, God is never surprised nor is He detained. His work continues to go forward because He promises that He will build His church. I guess we should just continue to press toward the mark and leave the rest up to the Lord.

## Iglesia Bautista El Faro – (Lighthouse Baptist Church)

Our Spring Campaign kicked off with the 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our church. We were blessed by many testimonies, specials and preaching about our theme for the year "Vamos a la Perfección" (Let us go unto Perfection, Hebrews 6:1). There were 69 in attendance with 4 first time visitors. One highlight was Maritza getting saved. She is the sister of one our main families. She came to me after the service asking for counsel. Through hearing her story, I was able to point her to the Rock that grounds us and sets us on a firm foundation. She gladly received Christ as her Saviour and looks forward to growing in Him.

After the anniversary our spring campaign was interrupted because I fell sick with the blessed Corona virus. We then spent the next 2 weeks quarantined. I want to thank God for health. We should all continue to pray for the end of this virus and the political play on the virus to stop.

Please pray as well for our missions' commitment that we will be taking the first of May. Also, I ask prayer for our Sunday school program that will be starting back up in May. We will be installing several new teachers and classes in this time.

## Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida – (New Life Baptist Church) - Negaud

Ahead of our bout with COVID, I had programed another combined service with our church and Negaud's group for Resurrection Sunday. I was thankful he was available to fill in for me after I came down sick. We are inching closer toward being able to purchase the land for his church. Thank you for helping and praying for this project. We will be asking for help soon to build a building if you would like to participate with us in this effort.

## Barahona – Grace Baptist Mission and Institute

I mentioned prayer for Bro. Spencer's trip in March. Bro. Bill and Bro. Spencer came from March 19-24. We had a very profitable trip. We were able to visit 13 of the 15 churches as we continue to assess the needs of the ministry. Certainly one of the highlights was on Sunday, when we made our way up one of the tallest mountains on the island to visit one of the brand new church plants. After over a three-hour trip up the mountain, we arrived to a little metal structure with over 70 people waiting on us to have church. After much singing and preaching there were 16 that came forward for salvation. Since that time Pastor Richard has went back to hold a special conference and he was able to lead another 20 people to Christ during that time. We also through that trip were able to organize the re-start of the Bible institute. There are currently 9 enrolled. God is good!

The Jordan Family –

Ben, Samantha, Sophia and Alvvia



14th Church Anniversary





Negaud and His church





Mountain church

