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# The Schepers

SERVING IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

## Iglesia Bautista El Puente



The Bible study in Honduras that Brother Elias is leading is steadily growing, in number and the number of decisions being made for salvation is growing as well.

The space under the lean-to is full, if it rains at all, many people stay home, because they are afraid there will be no "dry seats". So pray for wisdom, we are looking at trying to find a tent that we can set up in a field close to where they are meeting now so we can accommodate the growth of this new work.

## JULIANNA

Our daughter Juls is in the middle of midterms right now, and is doing well. It was all so sudden how God worked it out for her to go to Bible college in January but she is doing well, really enjoying it!



## There's No Place Like Home!

We arrived safely back to the DR the beginning of March. Honestly it was smoothest trip we have made. We brought a puppy back with us, so we were sent through the handicapped line at the TSA security. There was no one in front of us, we breezed through security, it was nice.

After a few days of cleaning the dust and mold out of our house things are back to what is normal for us here. We are glad to be back! Jesse is back to playing baseball with his little league team. Seth, Jesse and Donna are back to homeschooling. And I thank God that we are all busy with ministry.

Our friends and church folks are thrilled we are back! Don't tell them any different; but they think we brought the sunshine with us. Apparently, it has rained here since December. The flu has kept the attendance down at all our churches. But we are grateful it hasn't rained since we returned, I tell them that Lord knew we needed it because we froze this winter, it was terrible. I told my parents and my in-laws that if they want to celebrate Christmas with us again, we have two options, 1. Do it Dominican style here on our island or 2. Celebrate in July.

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Since we've been home I was blessed to be able to share the gospel with a young man named Sandy Felix. He had doubts and questions but praise the Lord, Sandy bowed his head and trusted Christ as his Saviour on March 9th.

### Mission's Month

April is Mission's month at Iglesia Bautista La Verdad and Iglesia Bautista Vista del Valle. Preaching about missions and faith promise. For some it'll be new to them so pray as we teach that it's every Christian's responsibility, not just wealthy countries!

### THANK YOU CHICK

We are grateful for Chick Tracts and Jeff and Pamela Polanco. Pamela is a teenager we reached in Santo Domingo. She calls us Mom and Dad, she is now married to a church planter here in the DR. They recently had a container shipped in and we were able to ship about 5,000 tracts that were given to us Chick Tracts. Shipping them in the Polanco's container saved us hundreds of dollars in postage.

### Feliz Cumpleaños Jesse

Jesse just celebrated his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday here in the DR. Oh how time flies, not so long ago he celebrated his 1<sup>st</sup> birthday here. Thank you to all of you who help make these days special by sending cards and reminding our kids they are loved by many.

### New Support

We are grateful that a new church has partnered with us in Florida, Harbor Baptist. Our God is sovereign and his timing is perfect. Last year a couple churches had to reduce their support due to various reasons.

## PRAY FOR US

~ Pray for some immigration paper work that we are still waiting for. That all will go through without issue.

~ Brother Elias Ventura and the new church plant. They need a more permanent facility than the "lean-to" pictured above.

~ That we reach the youth of this country. Majority of the violent crimes are being committed by 16 - 20 year old demographic. They steal, violate and sometimes kill so they can buy the latest phone, tennis shoes or drugs. I desperately want to reach more teenagers

### My Girls



We were able to spend a few days with each of our girls before saying "See ya later". In case you saw us, I wasn't crying, it was an allergic reaction I was having in my eyes. No seriously, it gets harder and harder to say goodbye. Delayna's a junior; Jul's is a freshman. Time is flying!

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