

DECLARING the GOSPEL



to the *Dominicans!*

"Hear the
Word of the Lord, O ye
nations, and declare it in the
isles afar off" Jer. 31:10a

In the Ministry Since 1983
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VITAL STATS on the DR
Population: 8,800,000+
Pop. Growth Rate: 1.3%
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Dear Faithful Prayer Partners,

Many blessings in the name of our wonderful risen Lord Jesus Christ! We have some exciting news bytes to share since our last report.

Ministry of Soul-Winning

Bro. Eddy, our Dominican soul-winning partner continues to hold weekly home Bible studies in the town of Las Carreras. We are having Espresso Bible Studies! Since Dominicans are coffee lovers, we knock on a door and bring along a new coffee pot and a fresh bag of Dominican coffee. We give the coffee pot and coffee as gifts to show our appreciation for the opportunity to sit and study the Bible. And of course, the family serves coffee from their new espresso coffee pot. Pray that much fruit will abound and that a strong nucleus will develop to start a local Baptist church.

Ministry of Discipleship

Our Soul-winning, Discipleship efforts are showing signs of progress. Our Dominican partners, Bolivar, Rafa, and William are involved in discipling new converts both in the capital city and in the interior. Dr. Coss is discipling a young couple who recently accepted Christ. Bolivar is also discipling a young man who recently got saved. It is exciting to see new believers becoming grounded in the Word of God. We thank the Lord for dedicated Dominican believers involved in teaching others.

A town called Oviedo is a four hour journey into the interior near the Haitian border. We had the opportunity to survey the area and found that there are no Baptist churches there. A believer who is a medical doctor requested that we would prayerfully consider starting a church in this spiritually needy area. Please pray that the Lord will give us clear direction in this matter. Another possible location for planting a local church is in the town of Monte Plata (Silver Mountain) toward the center of the island. There are no Baptist churches in the town to our knowledge. Please pray as we make our initial survey of Monte Plata.

Ministry of Encouragement

Kathy and I have been involved in a ministry of encouragement since returning to the DR from our furlough. Bro. Francisco, pastor of Iglesia Bautista Renacer is encouraged that we are able to help develop the music ministry in his church. For the very first time, this church of over 100 members now has a music ministry. Several pastors in the country are experiencing hard times due to the current economic recession. Bro. William and Bro. Federico, who have worked with us for many years have lost their secular jobs.

Kathy and I want to express our gratefulness for your faithful prayers and financial support.

Blessings,
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