

Updates from the Missionary Wife

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Missionaries and seminary students of Latin America during the pandemic.
- Family of Pueblo Nuevo member, Doña Ana, who passed away in January.
- The family of Rev. James Sharp, whose father passed away recently.
- Jose Luis, husband of Pueblo Nuevo member Nini. He has diabetes and other serious health issues.
- New catechumens in Pueblo Nuevo who were to be confirmed on Easter Sunday, but postponed until May.
- Missionary colleagues who have weddings planned in the midst of this pandemic—Danelle Putnam and Jamielynn Tinkey.
- Our son, Andrei, who has to wait for more growth hormone until travel resumes between the DR and the USA.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Our God who has kept us safe and healthy during this pandemic.
- The spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ here in the DR and other places, despite the limitations of the pandemic.

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- You, our wonderful supporters! We are praying for all of you during this time of crisis.



The birthday boy happily trying out his new legos.

We pray this newsletter finds you all well amidst the COVID-19 craziness.

We are all fine here in Santiago but things are certainly different. Things have gotten progressively strict here as more cases of the virus are reported. What first began as warnings and advisories has turned into sheltering in place and curfews. Everyone must be inside from 5 P.M. to 6 A.M. We only leave to get groceries and essential items. This is usually a very intense event as they are very careful about how many people they allow in the store. It usually involves waiting in line awhile. Holy Week, Semana Santa, is usually a time for gatherings, visits, and family here in the D.R. This year, the government is prohibiting travel within country and closing off access to certain cities. This effects the mood on the island as many Dominicans really look forward to this vacation time and going to the beach.

Family life has continued pretty much as normal here despite the virus. Because the boys already are taking classes online, they can continue their schedule without much interruption. They have been very helpful providing music online for our church members. It has been nice to have Joel around a little more and spend time outside in the backyard in the afternoons.

One disappointment is that my trip with Andrei to the US to get his growth hormone was postponed. Not only did we not get to visit family but he only has a few days of hormone left and we don't know when we will be able to get more. Viktor and Joel will also probably have to cancel their trip in May in which Joel was going to attend CSL graduation and Viktor was going to spend time with grandparents. Life goes on and we praise God for keeping us safe and healthy!

Clarion



Continuing to provide hymns for church....from home!

We are blessed to be serving our Lord in the Dominican Republic. The Lord is blessing the preaching of His Word and the administration of His sacraments. We are grateful for your partnership in this work. God bless you all!

In Christ,

***Rev. Joel & Clarion Fritsche
Viktor, Sergei and Andrei***



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