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Birthday boy! March

## Remember

**“Remember** the wondrous works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered ... **He is the Lord our God**; his judgments are in all the earth. He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded.” Psalm 105:5,7-8

**Remember** the wondrous works He has done! At the end of January, I had the chance to reflect on the past [six years](#) since I arrived in the Dominican Republic. This psalm was part of my reading this morning, and it reminded me again to **remember**. But the psalmist isn't just telling us to remember what God has done for us personally, but also to reflect on His faithfulness from generation to generation -what He has done for His people.

We have been busy since 2023 began. We returned in January from our first-ever trip together to the US to spend Christmas with loved ones. I introduced Rafa to where I grew up and the people that mean so much to me. In January, the house was full of Venezuelans! Just 36 hours after we returned to the DR, a part of the Venezuelan church arrived for the [Venezuelan FORO](#), which was quickly followed by the [FPH \(distance pastoral program\) Conference!](#) Rafa's brother and his wife **(1)** were with us about 2.5 weeks, along with a few other guests in our home. It's always a blessing to host others.

February brought regional meetings and a time of planning for the next 6 months. Rafa attended a pastoral retreat in the mountain city Jarabacoa outside of Santiago. Early March brought more guests for the [Dominican Republic FORO](#) which involves presentations and conversations about the work God is doing with our mission partners.

I had the chance to sit down with the President of Concordia Deaconess Conference and chat about my ministry and upcoming graduation! **(2)**

## Mission Moment

Fellow nurse missionary, Tirzah Krey, and I, were asked in February if we were free to support the ongoing mission work in Cienfuegos by giving a health lesson during one of their events at the end of March.

Remember Cienfuegos? Rafa started outreach in this sector of the city of Santiago in the fall of 2021 during his final year at the seminary. Last spring/summer, Rafa worked with seminarian Carlos to introduce him to the community. This fall, a Pastor was installed to work with this mission effort. Pastor Carlos, Seminarian Carlos, and his wife, Deaconess Berkis are the Cienfuegos mission planting team. They are continuing to meet more people to make new connections. The DR FORO approved a budget to support renting a location in Cienfuegos. Having their own space opens up lot of opportunities for new connections, a new schedule (that isn't dependent on the school and volleyball schedule), and the beginning of regular worship services in this community. Please pray for the search for a building or space that can be rented soon!

I joined the team last week for visits, and it was such a blessing to watch them interact with the people in the community and be a small part of it. We met some of the parents of children who have been attending activities faithfully, invited people to the big event and gave some basic medicine and first aid supplies to the families.

Tuesday was the big event. The schedule included a devotion, a health lesson, and a closing prayer. We also distributed health kits and snacks! The children participated in the devotion and health lesson with enthusiasm. My health lesson included some skits, which everyone enjoyed.



## Life & Family Update

Rafael and I have some exciting news to share...

### I'm pregnant!

We are very excited and very thankful for this gift of life God has given to us. Stay tuned as mom and baby keep growing together and please keep us in your prayers! Baby Flores is due at the end of September.



## Chile Corner >>>

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, our applications were submitted for visas to move to Chile, and they are under review at this time! We give thanks to God for His faithfulness to us in this continued time of waiting and anticipation!



## Did you know?

On March 11, pastors, supporters, and visitors gathered in Chile for the ordination of Pastor Marcelo Rivas! Thanks be to God! Marcelo and his family were here in the Dominican Republic while he studied to be a pastor and now, he is! We are looking forward to serving alongside them in Chile.

## Pray with us ...

- **In thanksgiving for...** opportunities to share the Gospel.
- **In thanksgiving for...** the gift of the life of baby Flores.
- **For...** patience and peace as we trust in God's timing and plan for our future.
- **For...** Jamielynn's final intensive and graduation from the CTSFW deaconess program (May 15 – 19).
- **For...** Rafa's continued ministry in the DR and someday in Chile.
- **For...** the continued outreach and mission in Cienfuegos.



In Christ,  
Rafael & Jamielynn

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