



"Train up a child in the way he should go:
and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

July 2023 Newsletter

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Dear David,

Summer greetings from the DR, where it's hot, like everywhere else. It's been a busy two months with about two more to go before our scheduled flight to Florida on September 21st. We express our thanks for all of your faithful support. We pray that God continues blessing each one of you.

"Summer Update"

The latest laptop donation (from Creekside Christian Church) found a new home with Dominican med student Lady Arias. Remember our "Laptops for DR Students" places your functioning older/unused laptop in the hands of a Dominican student.



We've prepared and delivered 1/2 year's lessons for all the DR churches we serve. We are in the process of preparing the remaining year's lessons and hope to deliver them by the end of August. We've experienced a few challenges that have hindered our plans and ask for your prayers.



(Sometimes missionaries do boring book keeping too)

Edda experienced very low blood pressure in early June (85/35) that landed her in the hospital for 2 days. They found very high potassium level and very low calcium level; both of which can cause low blood pressure. Prior to this episode her bp had been fluctuating widely. The doctors believe her untreated Sleep Apnea is the source of the bp fluctuations. CPAP machines in the DR cost twice as much as in the US and medicare doesn't cover us in the DR. So, we're trying to get our work finished as quickly as possible to try to get back to Florida early to take care of this before Edda's cataract surgery scheduled for October.



Donations to Pr 22:6 Resource Ministry are significantly lower (\$4,200 behind year to date) causing us to delay or eliminate some things we had planned to do this trip. We were hoping to re-start backpack distributions to the kids in the churches we serve since Covid. We are not going to be able to do so this year. Also, the remainder of the work needed on our Hyundai van (Cloudy) will have to wait. We had replaced a timing chain and tensioner earlier this year (about \$1,000), but this van has two secondary timing chains and tensioners that also needed replacing. We couldn't find parts for the two secondary timing chains in the DR, so we replaced the main chain and buttoned "Cloudy" up so we had transportation while locating the additional parts. We obtained the remaining parts from Korea while we were in Florida in April and were hoping to have them installed this summer (involves more labor than before - about another \$1,200).



("Cloudy's first "facelift" in February to replace main timing chain)

We were also planning on installing "Bible Lesson Libraries" in two additional Dominican churches (of the 5 we have pending) after delivering the second 26 weeks of lessons to our existing churches (we have received designated gifts for adding these two churches); but we will probably not have time to do so.

Oh, and our landlord just sent us a message that she needs to increase the mission house rent (it hasn't increased since we occupied in 2014). We're waiting on her call to discuss the amount. It may be necessary for us to look for a smaller place.

UPDATE!

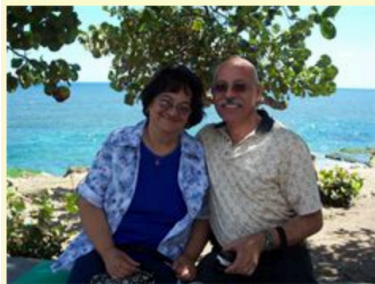
Landlord called, rent increasing by \$500 to total of \$1700. This is definitely out of our range, so we'll start looking immediately.

We're reluctant fund raisers, but if only half of the recipients of this newsletter would help us with a small monthly donation of \$10 - \$15, that would close the gap and enable us to continue our work unhindered. If you aren't an active financial donor, please consider partnering with us. Go to the "General Financial" support page on our website: www.pr226.org.

We are undeterred and continue with our goal to "Equip the Next Generation to Serve" in spite of these challenges.

Need for Prayer and Financial Support

Please keep us in your prayers as we deal with health issues and consider financial adjustments we may need to make. As always, remember that your faithful prayer and financial support enables us to "equip the next generation to serve" in the Dominican Republic.



Thank you for keeping us in your prayers

On the Edge for Him,

David & Edda

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