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Ministry Update

School Ministry:

This school year was a blur but came with so many cool things that happened. One of the highlights was my 11th grade Bible class. We have been learning about missions this year. One of the last chapters we covered talked about short-term mission trips. Thanks to some friends at Freedom International Ministries, another local mission, I had the privilege of taking them on an all-day mission trip. They got to hear how their mission started, did English tutoring with students, had a construction/ministry tour, visited the rural batay area where they started, and wrapped it all up with a Bible study and challenge from the director. I was so proud of the way our students jumped right in and served with joy. They got to see real world missions in action. My hope is that this lights a fire in them to fulfill the Great Commission and a life-long passion and commitment to missions in general. The fields are ripe for harvest, but we need more people who say yes and GO!

Friday Night Youth Ministry

Our youth group "The Influencers" has been going great. We have consistently had over 60 teens coming every week and have seen many new faces. Thanks to one of the church's sports ministry programs who started inviting kids to come, we have had many neighborhood-area teens start attending. We love that church kids and LPCS students come but it has been awesome to have this diversity in our youth group. Many of these teens are unchurched, and unsaved, but they keep coming back each week. What an amazing opportunity this is to demonstrate the unconditional love of Jesus and point them towards Him. We pray for them what we pray for all our youth; that they recognize and understand their great need for a personal relationship with Him, and that the things of this world will never satisfy. Please pray that our teens embrace these newcomers and that they all can come to know the Savior. They are the future of our church, and we want to do everything in our power to help them become world changers.

The Eastwood Crew just wrapped up the 2024-25 school year. As we approached the finish line, we were exhausted but grateful for another year of blessings and excitement. The boys are looking forward to spending some quality time with family and friends. Veronica has been dealing with a knee injury and will need surgery, but God has been faithful to provide for that need. I am taking a couple of summer classes towards my degree and also preparing for summer youth camp. JT, Jorge, and Jonny all played soccer for the Las Palmas team this year. JT has also become an awesome volleyball player. Jorge is playing 8 different musical instruments and is serving in our youth group worship team. Jonny will be starting high school this upcoming year (Lord help us) and just turned 13. I now have three teenagers in the house so please pray for our sanity and our grocery bill! Lol.



New Beginnings

It seems unreal but we have been on this grand adventure for almost six years now! We have witnessed God do unbelievable things in that time. We went through Covid, ministry changes, and significant growth. God has been so faithful, but as He always does, He pushes us to do more. This upcoming school year, I will be assuming the role of high school PE teacher at Las Palmas. This is something I believe God has asked me to do and I have no doubt that He will give me the strength and wisdom to do it with excellence. This is not without its challenges. I will be working full-time at the school while continuing seminary classes and working as the youth director for our church. Please pray for me not only to serve my students and teach them well but also to be the best husband and father to my family, as they are my first and most important ministry. I know God has equipped me for this challenge, and I look forward to watching Him work to grow my character as I help our students grow in theirs.

Gratitude and Prayer Requests

Our family remains in awe of the fact that God continues using us and others to be a small part of His Kingdom work here in the DR. The amount of thankfulness we feel cannot be overstated. We are grateful for our families. We are grateful for Las Palmas Christian school. We are grateful for an amazing team of people to serve with. We are grateful for how God has worked in the lives and hearts of our students and youth. We are grateful for people who pray. We are astounded at how God has provided for us financially. Please keep praying for the Eastwood family. We are headed to youth camp on July 27th with around 50 young people. Pray that God does a mighty work in the hearts of our teens. Also, we are still on the lookout for a few more churches and individuals to partner with us financially. We have seen God work in this area already and trust that He will continue working. Bendiciones!

11th grade Mission Trip

