



Life in the Eastwood house is plugging along. The boys are all in high school and are happy to be on summer break. JT has been playing on a local volleyball team along with some friends from school. His team made it to the final game and ended up winning the championship! Jorge is still playing and writing his own music, while serving on the church and youth group worship teams. Jonny continues playing soccer for a local club and has been asked to play on their travel team. JT turned 18 in March and for his birthday he got scuba certified. Veronica, Jorge, and Jonathan all celebrated birthdays in June. Thanks to a missionary friend, Jorge got an electric guitar and loop pedal which he is enjoying very much. I just finished the seminary class I was taking. Only three more classes to go until I graduate. JT and I will actually be graduating at the same time, so that's pretty awesome! We look forward to spending time together this summer as we reset for the next school year.



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Ministry Update

Friday Night Youth Ministry

We made it to the end of another successful youth group season. God continues to bless our Friday night youth ministry, and we are thankful for the opportunity to serve 60-80 teenagers each week. The last 12 months we have seen a lot of new faces and have been able to share the gospel with all of them. Our leaders have been doing one-on-one discipleship with some of them, and we are seeing fruit from that. Each year we participate in a competition that is put on by Palabra de Vida (Word of Life) here in Santo Domingo. Churches come from all over the country to compete in events like singing, preaching, evangelism, and Bible quiz. This year our worship team wrote an original song and performed it and took home first place! Our Bible quiz team lost in the first round, but they rallied and came back to win, beating the team that beat us. To say they were elated is an understatement. Many other teens placed in their categories, but the best thing was watching all of these teens from all over, loving God and desiring to serve Him with their talents. We will be heading to youth camp in July with our group so please be praying that God touches hearts and that many will understand their great need for Him.



School Ministry

Las Palmas Christian School just wrapped up the 2025-26 school year. It was another amazing season of seeing God work in the hearts and lives of our students. This year we had 26 students in our graduating class. Some of them plan to stay in country for college, and some are going to the states for school. We are blessed that many of them chose to go to Christian universities. There are still two of them who have not accepted Christ, but our prayer is that they continue to hear from God and the seeds that were planted in their hearts get watered and grow, wherever this life takes them. We have also partnered with another Christian school outside of the city and our junior class was able to go on a short-term mission trip there to help support this wonderful ministry. This is our second year doing this trip and it has been a blessing on many levels. The goal is that they are exposed to missions and that God may call one or more of them to the field. The harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few. Please pray for these students and our upcoming school year. We are still looking for more teachers and assistants, but we trust that God has the right people lined up and ready. Maybe that person is you?





Cuba Trip 2026

I had another opportunity to go on a mission trip to Cuba with some other fellow missionaries. This trip was extra special because I had the privilege of taking JT with me this time. Cuba is in a desperate situation at this moment, but that didn't stop us from going and sharing the gospel. In times of hopelessness, the only place to turn is our Living Hope, Jesus Christ. There are country wide power outages, no fuel, and very little food. However, the churches where we served and the people we met had such a peace. They are able to count all those things as joy, because their joy comes from the Lord. We were able to serve in three churches, do neighborhood evangelism, youth group, a men's discipleship conference, and a game day at a park where we shared the Word. I had a proud dad moment when JT translated for the entire men's conference. This was out of his comfort zone but he did a fantastic job even though he was nervous. We also had the opportunity to love and encourage our local missionary and his family while we were there. They are the boots on the ground so please keep Richar and his family in your prayers.

Praises and Prayer Requests

As I write these words, my hope is that the amount of thankfulness and gratitude that we have shines through in my words. I continue to be in awe of the fact that God keeps using our family and many others to be a small part of His Kingdom work here in the DR. We are grateful for the likeminded people we serve alongside. We are grateful for the teams of people that come on mission trips here and serve with gladness. We are grateful for people who pray and give. But more than anything, we are grateful for Jesus. Without His sacrifice on the cross for our sins, none of this is possible. Please continue in prayer for the Dominican Republic and the Eastwood family.

