



## *The Cunninghams Serving In The Dominican Republic*



Dear Friends and Family

August 2025

Once again, we find ourselves saying what we say nearly every August—it is **HOT, HOT, HOT!** The tropical storms swirling around us have brought clouds and winds, but here on the southern coast we haven't seen a single drop of rain—even Hurricane Erin passed right over the island and left us dry!

Even in this heat, life and ministry are moving forward with excitement. **At Las Palmas Christian School, classes begin September 1, and our teachers are already back in the classrooms preparing with energy, passion, and prayer.** The atmosphere is filled with hope and expectation! Yet, we are still facing the challenge of missing teachers. Can you believe it? Still, we press on, trusting God to provide every need—whether through sending the right people or giving us creative ways to do more with less. We know He is faithful.

**In Ramón Santana, the church is doing what it can to minister to the community.** One-on-one discipleship and small groups are bearing fruit every week. Just recently, we celebrated a baptism and listened to the powerful testimony of Crystal. She has faithfully attended IBERS for a few years, attends a ministry school in Ramon Santana, and has been discipled by youth leaders, her teachers, and Pastor Mota's wife, Mari. She shared that she finally realized at camp this summer that she had been “doing all the right things” outwardly but had never personally surrendered to Christ. What a joy to hear her testify to truly giving her life to the Lord—and now to see her singing on the Praise and Worship team with a radiant heart that matches her voice!

On another morning after the sermon and closing prayer, a young man boldly came forward and told Pastor Mota, “I'm ready to accept Jesus as my Savior.” His baptism will soon follow, and we rejoice at the work of God in his life.



**What excites us even more is seeing young people rise into leadership.** The sound and media ministry is run by youth. The piano and guitar are played by young adults. High school students are stepping up to serve as children's church helpers. God is raising up a new generation of leaders, and it is great to see Him work in the lives of these young people.

We are deeply grateful for Pastor Mota and Mari, who faithfully disciple and teach, pouring out their lives for the people of Ramón Santana. Please continue to lift them up in prayer, asking God to bless their work and strengthen their hearts as they shepherd this growing body of believers.

Because He Came, We Must GO

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