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Greetings from the Dominican Republic!

What a season it has been. A challenging season. A growing season. A season of restoration. In the last few months, I have experienced what it means to walk through the valley where the shadows truly echo with death. However, in that valley I was drawn to my gentle shepherd in a way I never had been before. He pulled me close and defended me, just like it describes in Psalms 23:4. Never have I experienced such darkness. But sometimes I think darkness is necessary to make the light of Christ that much more profound. God has remained faithful through my questioning. He has remained constant through the storm. I never thought I'd be able to say He has restored my soul, yet that is my testimony. I am very thankful that He brought me out of the valley into a season of rest. I am also very aware that the future could include more valleys or a "wilderness season." But for now, I will choose to rest in these green meadows that He has led me to. I will choose to dwell on His goodness and not worry what the future may hold. He holds it all in the end anyway.

As I continue to draw closer to the Lord, one of the greatest blessings I have experienced is the ability to serve from a place of abundance instead of scarcity. This means for the first time in all four years that I have been living in the Dominican Republic I am finding true joy and fulfillment in what He has called me to do. This year at Las Palmas Christian School I am teaching both fourth and fifth grade which means I have a whopping seventy-five students. This means extra planning, way more papers to grade, and a lot more parents to deal with. And I love it. I look at the faces of my students, and I just want to love them like Jesus loves me. Now, I'm not always great at it. We still have good days and bad days where my human nature becomes louder than the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. But that is where grace comes in. Grace extended TO me turns into grace extended FROM me much more easily these days.

In addition to the school, I am also working with the praise team for the youth group. We have a team of thirteen teenagers who come together each week to lead their peers in worship. I am constantly in awe of how hard they are willing to work. It isn't just standing on stage singing words off a screen. We are discipling them in how to use their skills and talents in a way that honors God. They are learning how to use worship as a weapon against the enemies of God. They are learning leadership and responsibility and how to be a good steward of the skills they have been given.

Life is definitely full, and sometimes a little crazy. But the busyness of it all allows me to appreciate the peaceful moments so much more. I want to say a sincere thank you to everyone who has been a faithful supporter of my ministry, and of me, during my time on this island. Your prayers and your financial support has blessed me abundantly. I am looking forward with great anticipation about what will happen in the coming months.

Yours in Christ,
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