



The past few months have been filled with both sorrow and hope for our family. Recently, Veronica's father went home to be with the Lord. While this has been a difficult loss, we are deeply grateful for the many prayers, flowers, messages, and encouragement that so many of you shared with our family. Your kindness meant so much during this time.

Veronica's dad left behind a tremendous legacy of faith. His children are faithfully walking with the Lord—one daughter serves alongside her husband in pastoral ministry, and Veronica is serving the Lord here in the DR. His legacy endures in the next generation, with three grandsons serving in full-time ministry.

While we miss him greatly, we rejoice in the hope of heaven and the truth that he is now with the Lord and no longer suffering.

It is also amazing to watch our boys continue growing into young men. JT turns 18 this month, which is hard for us to believe! Please pray that God will guide him clearly as he seeks the Lord about his future plans and a possible call to missions. Jorge continues developing his musical gifts and is serving in several worship ministries. He has also begun repairing instruments for others, which has been a blessing to many. At this point, he plays more than 12 instruments and continues writing his own music. Jonathan is faithfully serving in children's church and continues to enjoy playing soccer for 2 local teams.

One special new tradition in our home has been something we call "Sermon Suppers." As a family, we wanted to be intentional about teaching our boys biblical manhood and cultivating a deeper love for God's Word and His work. So on Monday nights we gather together, eat pizza, and watch a sermon series on biblical manhood. It has been such a blessing to see the boys excited about Scripture. We praise God for giving us this simple idea and for the opportunity to grow together as a family.

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Ministry Update

Friday Night Youth Ministry

God continues to bless our Friday night youth ministry, and we are thankful for the opportunity to serve 60-80 teenagers every week. Many of these students do not attend church regularly, which makes each Friday night a wonderful opportunity to build relationships, have fun, and most importantly, share the gospel with them.

Over the past months, we have studied through the books of Jonah and 1 John, helping students see both God's mercy and what it truly means to walk in fellowship with Christ. Along with our Bible studies, we have enjoyed several fun activities, including a memorable Fear Factor Night, which definitely brought lots of laughter and excitement!

We are also preparing for Youth Involved, a ministry event that encourages young people to use their gifts for the Lord through preaching, music, teaching, and other areas of service. This year we have 15 students signed up to participate in the National Competition. Please pray that God will use this event to call and equip young people for future ministry.



Dad's Legacy: 8 Grandkids to love God and serve Him



Youth Ministry Goals

As a team, we have been praying and setting intentional goals for the youth ministry as we seek to reach students with the gospel, disciple them, and equip the next generation of leaders. We wanted to share these with you in hopes that you will pray we can accomplish each one for God's glory.

Evangelism

- Clearly share the gospel every Friday night through devotions and small groups
- Pray to see at least 5 students trust Christ in the coming months
- Host one evangelistic outreach activity
- Continue identifying and ministering intentionally to students who are not yet believers

Discipleship

- Encourage 25 students to practice a daily Quiet Time
- Have small group leaders regularly follow up with their students
- Encourage leaders to personally disciple one student in their small group

Raising the Next Generation of Leaders

- Hold an annual Youth Leadership Retreat
- Encourage youth to serve in the local church
- See strong participation in Youth Involved, Vacation Bible School, and mission projects

Salvations and Baptisms

One of the greatest privileges of ministry is watching God work in the hearts of young people. Over the past months, we have seen several students showing genuine interest in the Lord. Some of them have been seeking us out, asking thoughtful questions, and wanting to talk more about faith and the gospel. Their names are Emma and Jaydelin. It is always exciting to see when God begins drawing someone to Himself. Please pray that these students would respond to the Holy Spirit and place their full trust in Christ.

We would also ask for prayer for Maria, Natasha, and Angelica, who have recently come to know the Lord. While we rejoice in their decisions, they are currently facing significant challenges. The enemy often works hard to discourage new believers, and we ask that you pray they would remain anchored in God's truth, grow in their faith, and experience the Lord's peace and strength during these trials.

Finally, pray for Marianna, who has made a profession of faith but is hesitant about baptism. Pray that God would give her the courage to walk in obedience in this step and in every area of her life.





Night to Shine

One of the most special nights of the year for our youth ministry was Night to Shine, a beautiful evening where we had the privilege of serving 40 teenagers with special needs. The room was filled with joy, music, laughter, and so many smiles.

What made the night even more meaningful was seeing our own students step up to serve. We had 30 volunteers from our youth group and Las Palmas Christian School, and they did an incredible job loving, encouraging, and celebrating each of our honored guests. JT took all the photos and videos. All of our young people showed Christ's love in very practical ways.

Moments like this remind us of an important lesson we want to teach our students. Our goal is not simply to equip them for success, but to help them understand that their success, gifts, and talents are meant to be used to serve others. We want them to learn how to leverage what God has given them to bless those who are most in need—especially the MVPs: the Most Vulnerable People.

Praises and Prayer Requests

We are thankful for how God has worked this year through our ministry at the school. We praise God for Las Palmas Christian School. Our roles there continue to open doors to build relationships with students who do not know Jesus and share the gospel.

Please pray for several students we are ministering to who are asking good questions about faith. We would love to see them place their trust in Christ.

Please also pray for wisdom in planning our summer schedule, including youth activities, summer camp, mission team visits, and special ministry opportunities.

A special praise is that Jeremy will be ordained as a Pastor this summer! We are grateful for God's calling, our sending church, and look forward to celebrating this important step in ministry.

Finally, pray that we can finish the school year strong, faithfully serving the Lord and the students He has placed in our lives.

Thank you for your continued prayers, your faithful generosity, and partnership in this ministry.