



Our family is doing well and thriving — and we're so thankful for this sweet season God has given us! After a couple of hard and stretching years, we are truly experiencing a time of fruitfulness, peace, and renewed joy. God has been so faithful, and we can clearly see His hand at work in our family and ministry.

We're also deeply grateful for you — our faithful friends, prayer warriors, and supporters — who have walked with us through every season. Your prayers and encouragement continue to make such a difference.

Life is full (and fun!) with everyone at the school Monday through Friday. I recently started a new role as the high school PE coach, while Veronica continues to pour into her students as the high school science teacher. The boys are all in high school this year — JT (11th), Jorge (9th), and Jonathan (7th) — and each of them is growing and finding their own place to serve and shine.

- JT plays volleyball for a local team and continues serving in the soccer ministry, helping younger players grow in both skill and faith.
- Jorge has discovered a real passion for music — he's started writing his own songs and serves on the worship team. It's been amazing to watch him use his gifts to glorify God.
- Jonathan keeps scoring goals and thriving on the soccer field — his energy, joy, and determination make every game exciting!

One of the sweetest blessings this year is that Veronica and I get to work together — we walk to school each morning and cross paths often throughout the day. After years of busy schedules pulling us in different directions, it's a gift to share this rhythm of life and ministry side by side.

Through it all, we continue to see God's goodness in every detail. Thank you for praying, supporting, and celebrating with us — your partnership helps make this life and ministry possible.

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Ministry Update

Friday Night Youth Ministry

We have so much to praise God for in our Friday Night Youth Ministry! The team has grown into a faithful group of 16 leaders, each one serving with passion and heart. Every Friday night, more than 80 youth fill the space with energy, laughter, and worship — and we continue to see lots of new faces each week.

Many of the teens who come don't attend church anywhere, yet they show up faithfully on Fridays. What an incredible opportunity to love them, share the gospel, and have fun doing it! We're seeing hearts open and lives changed as several have recently made decisions to trust Christ as their Savior.

We currently have 10 small groups, and it's been amazing to watch our youth leaders invest deeply in their kids — encouraging, praying with, and walking beside them in faith. Seeing those relationships grow has been one of the sweetest fruits of this season.

And here's a wonderful answered prayer: right before our September kickoff, Veronica and I were talking about how much we needed more male leaders. Not even five minutes later, two men came up to us and said they felt led to join the youth team! We just laughed and thanked God — He is so faithful to provide exactly what's needed, right on time.



Discipleship

One of the greatest joys of teaching at the school and leading youth group has been the opportunity to build deep, lasting relationships with so many students. Even after they graduate, many continue to stay connected — they come over, call, or reach out for encouragement and godly advice. It's a powerful thing to be one of the first phone calls a young person makes after walking through something painful — like losing a parent. Our home is often full of teens just hanging out, laughing, and being themselves. But even in those casual moments, God gives us opportunities to share His love and truth.

As a team, we are currently discipling seven students, and it's been such a blessing to watch them grow in their faith. In the busyness of ministry, God has also placed a burden on our hearts for discipleship within our own family. None of our boys have been formally discipled by someone outside our home, so we sat down to talk with them about it. Their response blessed us deeply: "You already disciple us every day." We realized they were right — through our family devotions, daily prayer, and constant conversations about faith, life, and God's Word, discipleship is happening right in our home. What a reminder of God's grace in the middle of the everyday moments!

Recently, our national pastor, Carlos Rijos, shared a message that deeply resonated with us. He asked, "What do you purposefully teach your kids? You teach them education is important; you teach them to strive for excellence — but do you teach them about Christ? Do you teach them godly values?"

As teachers and missionaries, we pour into so many others, but that message reminded us how vital it is to stay intentional with our own children — to make sure we don't lose sight of our first ministry: our family.

Salvations and Baptisms

Mission work is not always easy — there are long days, hard conversations, and moments that stretch our faith — but it is so worthwhile in light of eternity. We are reminded of that truth every time a young person chooses to follow Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

This September, we celebrated an incredible answer to prayer when one student we had been praying for gave their life to Christ! On top of that, three youth publicly declared their faith through baptism. What a joy to witness their obedience and the visible transformation God is doing in their lives.

Praise be to God for continuing to draw hearts to Himself — He is faithful and still changing lives!





**YOUTH
LEADERSHIP
TEAM AT THE
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Leadership Retreat

In the missionary community, we often say, “Our job is to work ourselves out of a job.” What that means is that we’re called to equip and empower local believers – pouring into Dominicans so they can share Jesus, disciple others, and grow communities of faith.

Our youth group has become a beautiful place to invest in young people and raise up leaders. Two years ago, we felt God prompting us to begin a Youth Leadership Retreat – a weekend designed to strengthen our team’s faith and equip them to lead others well.

This August, we held our second retreat, and it was such a blessing! Our theme this year was “Abide in Christ” – because He is the source of our power and fruit. We can’t do anything apart from Him, and this retreat was a beautiful reminder of that truth.

Over two days, we enjoyed four workshops, times of praise and worship, great food, laughter, and sweet fellowship – all surrounded by the beauty of God’s creation. It was a special time of spiritual refreshment and unity for the whole team.

We came away encouraged and inspired, ready to keep serving and pointing others to Jesus.

Word of Life Youth Camp

We took a group of 47 teens to youth camp at Palabra de Vida (Word of Life) in Bani, DR this summer. This was our 4th year attending there, and it was awesome! 753 teens from all over the country came to have a blast swimming, playing games, and most importantly, hear the Word of God preached clearly. It’s always so amazing to see young people hear the gospel and respond to it. Thank you for the many people who prayed for me and this week specifically. Some of you know that Veronica was in the States at this time so I was the “lone wolf” but God equipped me for the challenge and provided two excellent summer interns to help me. I am so grateful for Adele and Addie who were not only a blessing to me, but also to our young people. The speaker this year was from Florida and had a wonderful testimony that resonated with the teens. The theme this year was Prime Time: Reach the Goal. The campfire service was especially impactful to the youth and many came forward to talk to God. We had two from our group who accepted Christ as their Savior and many more from other churches as well. We also had some from our group that rededicated their lives to Christ. Veronica and I are so appreciative to the folks at Palabra de Vida because we know how much blood, sweat, and tears that go into making these weeks of camp successful. The world does things for crowns that do not last... we do these things for eternal crowns that last forever! (1 Corinthians 9:25-25)