



Greetings from Middle Georgia!

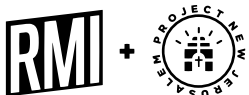
Well it appears another summer has come and gone (not that much changes with the seasons in the Dominican Republic – the only question is whether it's hot and dry or hot and wet). We've made 2 trips in the last month to the DR preparing for the new school year, introducing new potential partners, and hosting a mission's trip for one of our longest supporting church partners. I thought I'd take a moment to update you on each of the ministries and give you a few items to pray about.

**Pastor Eddyson** has been going through a period of change over these last several months with the Spanish speaking church having been turned over to a Dominican church planter, the school now being operated by the Foundation, and Beldor assuming the day-to-day duties in the Creole speaking church. Eddyson has refocused on the basics. He spends his days in New Jerusalem and the surrounding communities sharing the Gospel in doorways, in the markets and public spaces, and even on the local baseball field. He was able to lead a "talent scout" to Christ recently who has invited him to share the Gospel on a regular basis with the boys he is coaching and training. He recently hosted a group from Mexico who focused on sharing the Gospel in big group settings and in the Dominican Republic school system with hundreds of kids responding to the Gospel. Now the real work begins to attach those kids to ministries that can disciple them and develop them as new believers. Eddyson and Nancy continue their roles advising the school, medical efforts, and the legal work of the ministries in the New Jerusalem area.



**Pastor Beldor** continues his ministry focused on pastoring the Creole speaking congregation in New Jerusalem, maintaining the many properties, and providing communication and security for the new school building. God provided funds to help update and upgrade his passport and immigration papers through the generous contributions of our RMI supporters in the last few weeks. Please pray for wisdom and direction as Beldor and Marie continue the work that God has called them to in New Jerusalem.

Last week we attended **Pastor Guitho's** 2nd graduation for his ESL and Music schools. The students gave speeches, sang, and played worship songs, proudly showing the attendees what they had learned over the last 12 months. Already, Guitho has graduates teaching in the school and it has been fun to watch them develop. A group from Arkansas partnered with Guitho's congregation and built a new covered space for the sewing school that Guitho is



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developing. He is asking prayer for funding to build tables, run electrical and lighting, and complete the structure as he shares the Gospel with his community. In a recent event, a large number of children responded to the Gospel and now Guitho, Stephania, and the congregation have much opportunity following up in the homes and families discipling these new believers.

**Pastor Victorine** has had an exciting month! Last week the group from Arkansas worked with members of Victorine's congregation pouring concrete in the auditorium, building bathrooms beside the church, and building an office/library/security house at the front of the property. We also had a "Back to School Bash" while we were there last week and 7 students made professions of faith. Victorine is excited about following up with these kids and their families and beginning the discipleship process. Victorine is asking prayer for a small amount of monthly support and travel expenses for a member the church is sending as a missionary back to Haiti.

Victorine and Joane continue to ask prayer for God to give them a child of their own. Until He does, they will continue to serve the families in their communities, focusing on the children, who have been through so much. Sidenote: it appears that the paperwork for the property that we have been renting for Victorine's ministries and home is finally nearing completion. Pastors and supporters - I'll be calling soon regarding funding for this purchase.

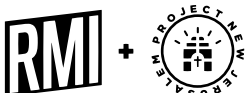
**Pastor Mathieu** held his 2nd graduation for the Bible Institute last month. These graduates were celebrated, dedicated, and prayed for as they take their next step of ministry. There have now been nearly 20 graduates, but I noticed Mathieu definitely has a favorite - this year his wife, Wesline, graduated and was obviously the teacher's pet. Supporters of RMI provided funding for some added security walls and shade for an outdoor space in the last few weeks and plans are being discussed to upgrade that outdoor space into a dedicated children's area for Sunday services. Immigration pressure and deportation efforts continue to hamper Mathieu's ministry in Guerra. He told me last week that nearly 100 people have either been deported or moved away from his area as a result of the constant pressure. He is asking prayer for peace and calm in his community and for the governments of Haiti and the DR to find a pathway to a solution to the Haitian immigration issues as they flee their collapsed country. He's also asking for a small amount of monthly support for an Institute graduate who's seeking God's will about planting a church out of Mathieu's ministry.

In closing, I want to say thank you for the consistent financial support of RMI and its ministries by our many partners around the country. It's amazing what all God has done in the DR over these last few years as a result of your generosity. I know I'm always asking prayer for the funds we don't have and the yet-unfulfilled dreams and needs of each of these pastors, but I hear regularly a gratitude and amazement from them for the generosity shown to them in their ministries from people they've never met. I fear I don't share that enough. We still do have many needs (including nearly 100 school sponsorships, funds to ship the container to the school, and funding to purchase these 2 church home properties) but I know our God holds it all in His hands and that He knows the timing and the methodology better than we do.

Thank you again for your support.

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