## Elisabeth Perdue Missionary to the Dominican Republic

Please indulge my cheesy opener...

Christmas in San Pedro? Carts lining the streets with grapes, apples, marshmallows, and other sweets. Lights? Everywhere, and all blinking out of rhythm. Traffic? Wild. Hot chocolate? Delicious. Mercy

Workshop? Excited for time off of work. All of these things are fun and good and enjoyable, but honestly, my heart is heavy this season.

There have been struggles within my family, struggles within my workplace, and therefore struggles internally.

We had to release two women from our ministry for a serious physical altercation, have experienced multiple violent crises from one of our safe home residents, and just said goodbye to a precious girl who is returning to family far away.

The understanding of God's desire for growth, healing, and restoration propel me forward in the midst of these struggles. Learning to trust when it's anything but easy has been the current task at hand.

Gratitude has been key to fighting the anxiety. Changing my perspective, remembering God's faithfulness, and recognizing His hand in the present are keeping me grounded.

I am praying and hopeful that this next year will bring tangible changes in family and ministry, and a renewed passion for the calling He's placed on my life.

Thank y'all for loving, supporting, and encouraging this call.

God bless you, and Merry Christmas.



Went to Guatemala to care for the women and children at a safe house. We climbed a volcano!



Mercy Workshop Group Photo



y team for this season of basketball <3

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