



The Bells

Team Church Planting in the Dominican Republic



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The Work in the DR

During a question-and-answer session at a recent meeting, we were asked to give some benefits of team missions. One of the many benefits that could be listed of having a team is that when one family leaves the field for furlough, the work is able to continue in full force. As our time here in the States quickly draws to a close, we are thankful for how the Lord has continued to bless the ministry in Puerto Plata over the past year. "CESP", the new Saturday Bible Club which our team kicked off in March, has been growing and the team has seen the children who attend inviting friends and becoming excited about memorizing Scripture. CESP is an acronym in Spanish which stands for: *Creer en Jesus* (Believe in Jesus), *Ejemplificar Jesus* (Exemplify Jesus), *Sigue sus Pasos* (Follow His Steps), and *Practicar el Bien* (Do What's Right). Several adults in the church have given testimony of how big of a blessing the CESP ministry has been in the life of the church. CESP will take a break in June and begin again in the fall.

In addition to the children's ministry, the Lord has also been working in and through the youth group at Oceanview Baptist Church. Two of the teens, Edrin and Cristopher, who made professions of faith awhile back, were baptized on Easter Sunday. We would appreciate your continued prayers for the 5 faithful teen guys in our youth group, that they would continue to grow in their walks with the Lord and that the Lord might use them to bring in others. Please be praying for our upcoming youth retreat at the beginning of August. We will be able to be involved in this retreat along with the "Grace in the Vineyard" missions team.

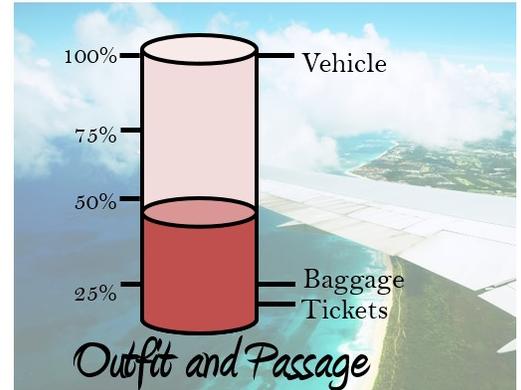
More Travel Stateside

We once again praise the Lord for safety in travel. Over the past two months, we have had meetings in Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, and Georgia. Regina and I also traveled to Wisconsin for a week-long orientation for our mission board. We enjoyed this time to get better acquainted with the Baptist World Mission staff and some of our fellow BWM missionaries. We are currently at **72%** of our needed support, reflecting an increase from our last letter as a new individual joined our support team. Several churches have expressed interest in partnering with us for monthly support so we ask for your continued prayers in this regard. We are also making progress towards our Outfit and Passage Fund; thank you to those who have given and are praying.

Finishing Up

In mid-June, we will be heading west to visit churches in Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota and South Dakota. We will also have the opportunity to participate in a week of camp at Camp Chetek in Chetek, Wisconsin and share the ministry to the DR with the campers. After returning from this trip, we will have a little less than 3 weeks in North Carolina before heading back to the DR on July 28th with the short term missions team from Grace Baptist Bible College. We greatly appreciate your continued prayers over the coming weeks!

Looking to Him,
Brandon and Regina Bell
Heb. 12:1-3
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We have almost half of our outfit and passage need met! Our ticket and baggage needs are covered and we are continuing to raise funds toward our replacement vehicle.



Regina teaching in children's church during Heritage Hills Baptist Church's (our sending church) missions conference in April.



Edrin (left) and Cristopher (right) who were recently baptized at our church in Puerto Plata. .

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