



# The Bells

Team Church Planting in the Dominican Republic



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*Writing from Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic*

Children's ministry has always been a very important part of the work of our team here in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. This year, due to restrictions related to COVID-19, we have been faced with an interesting dilemma: how to do children's ministry without children! We are currently unable to hold our CESP club on Saturdays, and we have not been able to provide transportation for the children for services. As a result, we have been actively looking for ways to continue working with these children without them being physically present at church.

It has been exciting to see the Lord answer prayer and provide a variety of ways to maintain contact with these children. Our teammates, Jake and Joy DeWald, have continued to do Bible Study with several of these kids, and through this, two of them have made professions of faith over the past few months. In addition, one of the teens from our church (Edrin) had the opportunity to share the Gospel with his six-year-old cousin (Kenny), who also attended the church previously, and he made a profession of faith as well.

The Lord also opened the door for us to do a four-week outreach that we are calling "Campamento en casa" (Camp at home), basically an at-home Vacation Bible School (VBS). The idea came from Regina's parents, who had been involved in a similar project in their church in Brazil. We prepared a packet for each child with activities, verses to memorize, and a link to a video with a lesson that we had prepared online. The children watch the video, complete the activities and answer a few questions to then receive their packet for the next week. We are coming up on the third of four weeks of this activity and it has been going very well. **Please pray that the Lord would use this at-home VBS in the lives of these children and their families.**

In our last letter, we mentioned that we have had a number of opportunities over the past few months to get to know our neighbors. A couple of months ago, Regina was approached by a young lady who lives next door about starting an English class with her and several other young ladies. Regina has been doing this for about two months and usually has about 6 to 7 teenagers in attendance. Also, our teammates Adam and Jodi Pittman have been able to start an English class at their house with some teenage guys who live down the street from them. Last Friday, we invited those who normally come to the English classes, as well as the rest of our team and the teenagers from our church, to come to a game night at our house. One of our teens from church (Wilkin) gave his testimony during this time, and I (Brandon) gave a brief gospel presentation. We had five teenagers (not including our teens from church) who heard the testimony and gospel presentation. Several others came a little later. **Please pray for more opportunities to share the gospel with these teenagers.**

As always, we are thankful for your faithful prayers! If there is any way that we can be a help or a blessing to you or your church, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Looking to Him,  
Brandon, Regina, Anthony, Patrick and Zoe Bell  
Heb. 12:1-3



*Work day to prepare the packets for the "at home" VBS.*



*The young ladies on the left and right recently made professions of faith. They are holding the packets for our "at home" VBS.*

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