

Family News

Abigail just turned eight in March and continues to improve in her reading. Jonathan is now four and is learning more English in preschool and with visiting work teams. Alberto and the kids plan to come to the States at the end of July through August to visit churches and family.

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Praise God for:

- Those who have become Christians
- Spiritual growth of the Monte Cristi church
- Work teams that have been a great blessing
- Money completely raised for the church roof

Please pray for:

- More Dominicans to make a decision for Christ
- The growth of the leaders in the Dominican churches
- Good health for those working with the mission
- Monthly support for Martin and other pastors who lost their income
- A Bible college in the Dominican so more workers can be trained to spread the Gospel



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Rivas Review



Sharing Christ
in the
Dominican Republic

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God continues to bless the mission work in the Dominican. Thank you for partnering with us as we continue to reach out with the Good News of Jesus!

The church in Monte Cristi has grown in numbers, but also has grown in maturity. The people are more involved in Bible study and are becoming more active in ministry. One work team member who had visited multiple times commented, "We see much more spiritual growth in the leaders, and men taking part in things."

The church is also growing in their understanding of stewardship. They worked and saved \$1000 toward the roof for the church building, and most recently were able to buy two full communion sets for their services. Though they do not have much financially, the Dominicans are learning to give of what they do have.



View from the Roof

Alberto recently held a series of get-togethers for married couples. They played pool and other games and had a short time of teaching. His goal was to help strengthen the marriage relationships within the church and also form stronger friendships between the couples. The couples participating really enjoyed the special times of fellowship.

Monte Cristi is just twenty miles from the border of Haiti so there are quite a number of Haitians living in the area. They have a special time each week when the Haitians play soccer at the ball field, and some of the Haitians have gotten involved with the church. This past week, two more Haitians made decisions to follow Christ. Praise God!

Work Teams Make a Big Difference!

We have had several work teams come already this year. In January, a group from Pennsylvania came and built a home by the baseball field. It will be used by the family of Arismendi who protects the mission property out there and also helps with other mission work. What a blessing this new home will be to them!



Arismendi's Home

In February we had a work team from Illinois and in March a combined group from Iowa and Minnesota. The teams held several VBS's and a class for the Dominican women. They also did work on the church building in Monte Cristi, the flooring at the family home by the ballfield and work on the wall that surrounds the property where the school will be. We are so thankful for those who come willing to work hard and to bring encouragement to the Dominican team of workers.

We look forward to more teams this year: a youth team from Maryland in July who will hold several sports clinics and an adult team from Maryland in October. If you are interested in more information about planning a mission trip to the Dominican, contact Karla Cachiaras at 410-877-8165.



Ready for the Roof

Roof Update

Praise God! All of the money needed for the church roof has been raised! The roof has been assembled in Santiago and will take one week to put on once it arrives in Monte Cristi.

Ministry Leader Highlight

Juan de Leon is the pastor of the church in Monte Cristi. He preaches each week and leads Bible studies at the church and also



Karol, Abril and Juan

in homes. He has been working with the mission for a little over two years. He grew up in Santiago and has a father and two brothers in the ministry. Juan is also an artist and likes to paint when he gets the opportunity. His wife Karol is originally from Honduras. She does a great job of teaching the children and helping with the music. They have a 11-month old named Abril (Spanish for April) and another child on the way.

Special Need

Martin, the pastor of the nearby church in Barrero, is in need of financial support for his ministry.



Martin and His Family

He was left without any income when his supporting missionary moved to serve in another area of the country. Alberto and Martin attended ministry training together in Panama almost twenty years ago and still help each other in ministry. Martin and his wife have been serving faithfully in the church in Barrero with their three sons for many years. If you feel led to help provide the \$300 monthly support for Martin and his family, please contact Valarie Peterson at 641-352-5024 or vspiowa@aol.com.