

## Summer Intern

Kassie Faber, from Brentwood, TN, is serving as a summer intern with CDEM. Kassie has a degree in Theology and recently finished EMT training. She is helping with mission work, teaching volleyball to neighborhood girls, and teaching the children in the church.



She is also working with Gary Klein, a medical missionary in the Dominican, as well as helping at the Christian camp. We are so thankful for her hard work and willingness to serve!

## Work Teams

We are thankful for the work teams who have been such a blessing to CDEM this year. Thank you to Prairieland Christian Church (Hartsburg, IL), Knollwood Christian Church (St. Louis Park, MN), and New Testament Christian Church (Keokuk, IA) for your hard work and encouragement!

## Please pray for:

- More Dominicans to make a decision for Christ
- The growth of the leaders in the Dominican churches
- Good health for all those working with the mission.
- Finances to complete the church building in Monte Cristi.
- Additional support so the mission can continue to expand its outreach



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If you would like to receive periodic updates by email, please contact Valarie at [vspiowa@aol.com](mailto:vspiowa@aol.com). These updates will help to keep you informed as well as give us a way to share prayer requests for the mission.

Please make all checks out to Cedar Falls Church of Christ. Mail to 2727 West Fourth Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613.

# Rivas Review



**Sharing Christ  
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We praise God for His continued blessings on the work of CDEM! The mission work continues to increase as more and more opportunities are provided for sharing the love of Jesus in and around the town of Monte Cristi.

We are so thankful for the team of workers that have joined the mission alongside Alberto. This has really helped to lighten the load and increase the effectiveness of the work. In January, CDEM was able to hire Santo as the full-time pastor for the new church plant at Madre. This provides more opportunities for training and study for the people of Madre besides Sunday mornings. Santo also helps Alberto lead personal Bible studies in homes in the areas close to the church building and the baseball field.

Other leaders with the mission are working very hard. Juan and his wife Karol have now been with the mission for over a year and have been a tremendous help. We have several other part-time workers that help in a multitude of ways. Each service (Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday) three vehicles transport people from poor areas on the beach and by the baseball field. These workers help with the driving, as well as the sports ministry (baseball, soccer), calling, Bible studies, and construction.



Juan and Karol with their new daughter, April Elizabeth



The new church building is taking shape.

Construction continues on the church building. Metal doors were built, and the windows and bars have been installed. The next step is to put on the roof. The cost of this will be approximately \$20,000 (depending on the current value of the dollar and the cost of supplies which varies widely). Once the roof is completed, the church will be able to begin using the building, though there will still be much work left to be done. All construction of the church building is done on a cash basis, so as soon as we have sufficient funds they will complete this step. The church in Monte Cristi has raised \$1000. If you wish to contribute toward the roof, you can make a check out to Cedar Falls Church of Christ and include a note designating the gift for Dominican church construction.

### Family Update

Alberto and the kids are doing well. Abigail just completed the second grade, and Jonathan completed his first year of preschool. In the fall, Jonathan will begin attending a new Christian preschool that is opening in Monte Cristi.



Alberto, Abigail and Jonathan all went through testing at Mayo Clinic in December and January. Alberto was diagnosed with a stomach bacteria and lactose intolerance. He is doing much better after treatment. Abigail and Jonathan both saw a Long QT heart specialist and had their medications adjusted. Abigail was also double checked for her epilepsy, which seems to have stabilized with medication. We are thankful that they are all doing well now. Please pray for continued health for their family.

### Christian School

Most of the children living near the baseball field are not able to attend school because of distance and lack of finances. Alberto has had a vision for starting a Christian school in that neighborhood for many years. Not only would it provide an education for these children, but they would also learn about Jesus. In the past few months, God has been making that vision become a reality. The government has donated the land across the street from the ballfield to the mission for the purpose of starting the school. Now a church in Pennsylvania has offered to come build the school while also covering the cost of building supplies. Praise God for the amazing ways He provides!



Alberto hopes to have the school up and running by September of 2007. Please pray for Alberto and the others as they plan for this new school and the opportunity to further spread the gospel in Monte Cristi.