

## Family Note

Alberto and the children are doing well. Abigail and Jonathan are looking forward to visiting Grandpa and Grandma in Iowa for six weeks this summer.

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### Praise God for:

- New church meeting in Buenos Aires (by ball field)
- 594 families fed after floods
- New ministry workers: Sandy & Valerie, Ignacio, Josh, Zach, Damian, Jenry
- Other ministry workers: Alberto, Arismendy, Derlin, Martin
- Work teams



### Please pray for:

- Alberto, Abigail and Jonathan
- Other mission workers
- Churches in Monte Cristi, Madre, Buenos Aires, and Barrero
- Lamms as they move and get settled
- Opportunities to share the Good News
- Continued growth in the Dominican Christians

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# Rivas Review



Sharing Christ  
in the  
Dominican Republic

June 2008

## Greetings from the Dominican Republic!

We praise God for the many exciting things that He has been doing in the Monte Cristi area and for the new opportunities He has provided for ministry and evangelism.

Since the beginning of the year, much has happened. Here are a few highlights.

### In January:

- Bags of food were delivered several different times to 594 families in nearby villages affected by the November/December floods. We pray that seeds were planted through these relief efforts that will bear much fruit for God's kingdom!



Flood relief

- People from the Monte Cristi Church began to meet for prayer every Saturday from 5-7 a.m. They meet to pray on Tuesdays as well. Church members have also helped with the door-to-door evangelism. It has been great to see their growth as they become more involved in the ministry.

### In February:

- A work team from Pennsylvania came and constructed a church building in the Buenos Aires neighborhood next to our baseball field. The following week, we held Sunday School there and had 68 children. With the support of two new workers, Damian and Jenry (pronounced Henry), the Buenos Aires church is now holding services on Sunday mornings, Tuesday evenings, and Thursday evenings. Damian and Jenry also preach in Madre on Wednesday evenings.

### In April:

- Zachary Allen and Joshua Martin, both from Iowa, arrived to serve as interns with the mission through September. They are holding English classes for the adults and children on an almost daily basis and are supporting the various ongoing work projects.

- The recent teams from Maryland and Minnesota worked on the new church building in Monte Cristi as it continues to near completion. The building is almost entirely painted, and the stage has been built in the worship area on the second floor. The first floor of the church will be used for the children's Bible school, and it will house the mission teams when they come to Monte Cristi.

### Meet the Lamms!

We are thrilled to announce that Sandy and Valerie Lamm will be joining our mission team in the Dominican! Sandy and Valerie visited the mission last year with a work team from Mountain Christian Church in Maryland. While there, they fell in love with the Dominican people and felt God calling them to return to work with the mission full-time. They are preparing to move to Monte Cristi on June 18. They will be:



- Providing encouragement and assistance to Alberto
- Hosting work teams, freeing Alberto to focus on the ongoing mission work
- Serving/evangelizing through community health programs
- Teaching English classes
- Starting men's/women's ministries for discipleship and fellowship
- Starting a prison ministry
- Aiding communication through website development, blogs, emails, etc.
- Helping in many other areas as needed

We praise God for adding them to our team!

### A Changed Life



Francisca lives across the street from Alberto in Monte Cristi. When he met her, she had many problems in her home, and she was always angry. She liked drinking and had very bad language. Then four years ago, she met Jesus. She is now a faithful worker who is always willing to help. She is a godly grandmother for her fifteen grandchildren, many who live with her. And she is a familiar face to most Americans who visit the mission since she helps cook and clean for the work teams. We are thankful for God's work in her life and other Dominicans like her. (Prayers have been answered as Francisca appears to be doing well, having recently been hospitalized.)

### Ministry Leader Highlight

In February, Ignacio came to serve as pastor of the Monte Cristi congregation. Ignacio was baptized in 1974 and began preaching in 1988 after attending the Universidad Nacional Evangelica (National Evangelic University). For the past seven years he has worked with a mission in Santo Domingo. Ignacio and Paula had been praying for over a year for God to guide them into a larger ministry. The mission in Santo Domingo had grown and was well supported, and they felt called to something else. After meeting with Alberto and learning about the vision God has given him for CDEM and seeing the opportunity to reach so many people, they answered the call to join the mission in Monte Cristi. Ignacio and Paula have a seven-year-old son, Samuel. Ignacio plays the guitar, loves baseball, and is currently studying English with the help of Zach and Josh.

