

Abigail has started preschool and likes it very much; and Jonathan is now walking. Alberto hopes to be able to come to the U.S. in December.

Alberto is encountering much difficulty obtaining U.S. residency papers for Jonathan without Lynette's signature. He needs to have these papers before he returns to the states.

We ask for your prayers:

For good physical health -  
They have all been suffering from illness this fall.

For safety as they travel from one area to another.

For Jonathan to get his U.S. residency papers soon.



For the Church that meets at their home, & for the many Bible Studies being held throughout Monte Cristi.

For the Lopez family as they minister to the church there.

For Melchol Martez Rodriguez, whose wife was recently killed in a car accident.

For the construction of the new Worship Center and continued work at the ball field site.

For God to use CDEM to accomplish great things for His glory.

CDEM has received a gift  
From Joe and Susan Thompson  
In Memory of Jim Richardson.



You may have heard of the recent earthquakes in the Dominican Republic. There have been many, at least one reaching as high as 5 on the Richter scale. Alberto says they felt tremors in Monte Cristi, but they have not yet experienced any damage.

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# Rivas Review



**Sharing Christ  
in the  
Dominican Republic**

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At this time, we would like to thank everyone for their support. The past few months have been very difficult for us.

The work team from Keokuk experienced a trip they will never forget. We want to thank each of them for all their help with the visitation, the funeral, and afterward. Along with everything else, they were able to do some construction work, too..

As you may know, the results from Lynette's autopsy were very slow in coming, & there was question as to their accuracy. The original results showed congestive heart failure.

After consulting with Lynette's stateside doctor, we are fairly confident that it was caused by peripartum cardiomyopathy, a type of heart muscle disease that occurs between the ninth month of pregnancy and the sixth month postpartum. This disease causes congestive heart failure.



Alberto standing beside the finished cemetery vault.

Over the summer, Alberto purchased a used 15 passenger van from G.O. Ministries. While it is an improvement over



the brown van, it is unsafe. We pray that it will get him through until money can be raised to purchase a newer one.

A special "Van Fund" has been set up for those who would like to help with this need. We are trying to raise the money before Christmas.

The church in Monte Cristi is doing well. About 25-35 children attend on Sunday mornings, and about 40-50 adults attend Sunday evenings along with 50-60 kids. Currently there are 6 weekly Bible Studies in the area, & in October, a Saturday afternoon Bible School was initiated at the ball field with an average attendance of 40. There were 5 baptisms in August.



An evening Worship Service on the Basketball Court.



In August, a team of 15 from Franklin Christian Church, in Tennessee, arrived to help fence in the ball field.

Alberto had hoped that they would be able to get the poles set, however, they not only set the poles, they were able to join together about a quarter of a mile of chain link, and install it to the poles. While this was a great accomplishment, there is still much to be done.



This fall, God provided the money to purchase a piece of property across the street from their home. The church people have already cleared the property and purchased 1000 concrete blocks to begin construction on a new worship center. They currently meet on the basketball court, because they have outgrown the carport. **CDEM** purchased additional supplies and G.O. Ministries was to begin construction this month.

