



Jonathan and Abigail

Please pray for:

- More Dominicans to make a decision for Christ
- The growth of the leaders in the Dominican churches
- Abigail and Jonathan as they go through medical testing while they are back in the states (for their hearts and Abigail's seizures)
- Alberto's health – he has been experiencing stomach troubles as well as pain in his back and legs
- Financial support for a full-time pastor in Madre
- Finances to complete the church building in Monte Cristi. This would be a huge blessing to the church, giving them more space as well as light for the children (they hold their classes in the dark on the basketball court on Tuesday and Thursday evenings)
- Additional support so the mission can continue to expand its outreach



Juan and Karol

If you would like to receive periodic updates by email, please contact Valarie at 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.



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in the
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As we celebrate Thanksgiving this November, we want to share with you our thankfulness for what God is doing in the Dominican Republic.

- God has been raising up leaders to help in the ministry at Monte Cristi and Madre. Juan and Karol de Leon have been a great help to Alberto this year helping in all aspects of the ministry. Arismendi, Derlin, Santo, Nova, Melvis, Chanel, Jorge and Ilsa have also stepped up to the plate and have been serving through worship leading, preaching, teaching children, transportation, and in many other ways.



- Thirteen people made the decision to accept Christ as their Lord and Savior and were baptized in October. There have been many other baptisms as well throughout the year.
- Having just celebrated its one year anniversary, the church at Madre is doing very well and continues to grow.



Children at the Church in Madre

- The church in Monte Cristi continues to grow as well. They now have to break the children into three groups on the basketball court during the preaching time on Sundays. (They will certainly enjoy the classroom space once the new church building is completed.)
- The Monte Cristi church also meets on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for worship and Bible study.
- The Saturday night service for teenagers is going well with around twenty teens in attendance.
- 117 kids came to the Bible school held in Monte Cristi by the Maryland work team in October.



Worship Services on the Basketball Court

- People are getting involved with the church as a result of the mission's sports ministry. The children play softball four times a week and the adults play once a week.



The New Worship Building

- Work on the new church building is progressing. The first level ceiling/second level floor has been poured, and the first level floor has been leveled, reinforced and poured. The columns and walls of the second level are well underway. Work teams from Iowa, Illinois, Tennessee and Maryland have worked diligently to get it this far. Thank you!
- Several more work teams are already scheduled for 2006. Praise God!
- Abigail is doing great in second grade and Jonathan loves his preschool.
- Alberto and the kids will be coming to the states for a visit at Christmastime.
- God has provided faithful supporters who keep the mission work going in the Dominican.

As you can see, we have so much for which we are thankful. God is so good!