



The Bells

Team Church Planting in the Dominican Republic



August 2018

Summer Mission Team and VBS

We are excited for what the Lord continues to do here in the DR. This past week, we welcomed a team from Grace Baptist Bible College in Winston-Salem, NC, who were here to assist us with VBS. We had a great time with them and a terrific week of VBS. We averaged around 50 children for the first four evenings of VBS and 99 children with about 20 adults for our family event last Friday evening. Our teammate Jake DeWald presented the Gospel at the end of the night. Please pray for follow up with these children and parents.

Challenges and Opportunities

In May, the director of our mission board, Bob Thompson, made the decision to resign from the board. We saw that this transition left a void in the mission, and we began considering our options and what the Lord would have us do. After prayerful consideration, consulting with our sending church, as well as our team, we made the decision to join Baptist World Mission in Decatur, AL. We have appreciated our time with Baptist Home Missions and are appreciative of their support in this transition. We are excited for this new opportunity with Baptist World Mission.

In addition to changing missions board, our family was recently confronted with another decision. In January of this year, our daughter Zoe was diagnosed with a form of dwarfism called achondroplasia. Although she seems to be progressing well, we have had and continue to have many doctor's visits related to her condition. The rising costs of these appointments here in the Dominican Republic has led us to prayerfully consider how we should proceed. After consulting with the leadership of our sending church, the leadership of Baptist World Mission, as well as our team, we have decided to return home at the end of August on an early furlough to continue Zoe's medical treatment stateside for the next year. This will be much more cost effective for us, allow us the opportunity to raise additional support, and give us the opportunity to officially join Baptist World Mission.

We are scheduled to be in the United States for about a year, after which time, we hope to have the majority of Zoe's initial medical appointments completed. We then plan to return to the Dominican Republic to continue the work of church planting alongside our teammates. We are thankful for the other four couples on our team who will be able to continue the work here in our absence.

Continued Prayer

As we look forward to a busy month preparing to return to the States, we would ask your prayers for the following:

- Follow-up with the children and parents who visited during VBS.
- Spiritual growth for those in the church here that our team is discipling, also additional visitors to our regular church services.
- Guidance with the details of transition back to the United States as we put our furniture in storage here in the DR and prepare all the details necessary to leave.
- Meetings at churches as we return home and additional support.
- For Zoe as she begins doctor's visits after our arrival in the US.

As always, thank you for your prayers and feel free to contact us any time.

Looking to Him,
Brandon and Regina Bell
Heb. 12:1-3

99 children and 20 adults for the closing service of our VBS



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