



# The Bells

*Team Church Planting in the Dominican Republic*



June 2018

Four years ago, we were just beginning to adjust to life in the Dominican Republic. Four years later, we are amazed at what the Lord has done during this relatively short time. As we share with you a little bit about what the Lord has been doing in our lives over the past few months, we would also like to praise Him for what He has done over the past four years.

## Teammates

We were excited to welcome our teammates Jake and Joy DeWald to the field earlier this month. The DeWalds are the final couple on our team to complete deputation and arrive here in the DR. They have already purchased a vehicle. They are also in the process of looking for a house to rent and are currently staying at the home of our teammates Darrell and Laura Peavy as the Peavys are in the states working on documents for their residency. **Please pray for the DeWalds as they continue to settle in and for the Peavys as they are in the US until mid-July.**

## Church plant

Four years ago we had no idea that our team would eventually be working in the city of Puerto Plata on the northern coast of the DR. Three years ago, when we first arrived in Puerto Plata, we were able to begin a Saturday children's Bible class and later an adult Bible Study on Friday nights. Last year our team had the opportunity to merge the ministry with Oceanview Baptist Church, a small church plant that was still in the beginning stages of being established. Today we have several new families attending the weekly services and as a team we are working to disciple those in the church. **Please pray for the visitors that have been coming, that the Lord would continue to work in their lives and for more visitors in the coming weeks. Also pray for our team as we meet weekly with several of the faithful individuals in our church for Bible Study and discipleship.**

## Vacation Bible School

Each summer since 2015 we have had the opportunity to be involved in Vacation Bible School here in Puerto Plata. Each year we have had the opportunity to host a group from Grace Baptist Bible College in Winston-Salem, NC. **Please pray for this year's VBS which will be held from July 30 to August 3rd and for the group from GBBC which will once again be coming down to assist us.**

## Family

Thank you for all of you who were praying for Regina and Zoe's trip to the United States last month. Zoe was able to see several specialists regarding her achondroplasia (a form of dwarfism) and overall, she seems to be progressing well. She will need to return in 6 months for several checkups as followup to her initial MRIs, so Regina and Zoe are planning another trip to the US in November. We appreciate your continued prayers for Zoe and her health. We also appreciate those of you who have been praying for the salvation of each of our kids. Earlier this month Regina had the privilege of leading our oldest son, Anthony, to the Lord one evening after Wednesday night church service. Anthony and Patrick had both been asking a lot of questions about salvation and Anthony finally decided that he was ready to accept Jesus Christ as His Lord and Savior. **Please pray for Anthony as he now begins to grow in his walk with the Lord and for Patrick as he is still asking questions about salvation but still not quite understanding.**

Thank you for your continued prayers!

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

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