



The Bells

Team Church Planting in the Dominican Republic



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Writing from Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic

James 4:13-15

¹³ Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: ¹⁴ Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. ¹⁵ For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

It's probably safe to say that COVID-19 has changed many of our plans over the past year. Whether it be travel, church activities, or simply day-to-day activities that have been altered by the resulting restrictions, most of us have plans that have been affected thanks to the virus. Yet, the Bible is clear that we should be prepared to have our plans changed. We are finite and have no idea what tomorrow might bring. So, as our pastor, Steve Pittman, often says, we should "hold our plans loosely."

We have had several of our plans changed over the past few months. We shared in our last letter that our team had a scaled-back Christmas program scheduled for the first week of December. Unfortunately, due to COVID, we ended up canceling this service. The children and youth from our church had several songs prepared for this service that we were able to spread out over the Sunday services throughout the month of December.

Late last year, we thought that we were finally finished holding services over Zoom. However, due to increased government restrictions, we had to go back to virtual services on Wednesday nights and, for a time, on Sundays as well. We are happy to be back to in-person services on Sundays but are continuing online on Wednesdays nights for the time being due to the mandatory curfew that remains in place.

With overseas travel being uncertain at times over the past year, our plans to return to the US for Zoe's yearly doctor's appointments have been in limbo. We finalized plans last week for this trip and are looking forward to returning stateside from **February 16-March 18**. These doctor's appointments are routine but necessary due to Zoe's dwarfism. **We would appreciate your prayers for a smooth trip and for uneventful doctor's visits, Lord willing.** Thank you for your continued prayers for us, our team, and the ministry here in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic.

Looking to Him,
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Heb. 12:1-3
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