

## The Sidlers Serving Christ in the Dominican Republic \*\*\*\*\*

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." Prov. 25:25



Dear Pastor and Church Family:

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. We praise the Lord for great year last year and for the privilege of starting to serve Him in this New Year!

Here in the Dominican, in addition to Christmas and New Years, the Dominicans celebrate "Three King's Day" on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Right after this holiday, the Lord allowed us to begin the construction of an addition to our church in Vietnam, Santo Domingo. Our director, Bro. Gary Sprunger came, along with Pastor Mike Whitt, and a group from his church in Roxboro, North Carolina. We praise the Lord and thank this group of men for their great sacrifice and for all of the work they got done. Last week, Dr. Pat and June Creed, Pat Creed, Jr. and Pam Creed, and Pastor Bob and Diane Kyner came to help teach some modular classes in our Bible College in Quita Sueño, and in Josh Wesson's Bible College in Maximo Gomez. They taught on the book of 1 Corinthians and on Bible Prophecy. We saw 33 people saved in Quita Sueño as a result of these special classes!

Our regular classes for our Bible College begin on this coming Monday. We are so very thankful that the Lord continues to call forth laborers into His harvest here, and for the privilege we have to help train these laborers and help them start churches. As I mentioned in our last prayer letter, we started a Junior Bible Institute for the teenagers who wanted to study, but who we felt were too young for our regular Bible College. We had a total of 8 students finish the first semester of these new classes this December. Their new classes also start again on this coming Monday night.

The different churches we started are all doing well. The new pastor in Vietnam, Santo Domingo, Pastor Fernando and his wife Aura are doing a great job! They are both graduates of our Bible College and grew up as faithful, productive members of our church in Quita Sueño. Fernando was my Youth Pastor for several years. Pastor Pat Creed, Jr., and I went and preached for Pastor Wellington in his church this past Sunday night. He had a great group of people present, and it was evident that God is greatly working in his church. Pastor José Manuel is in the middle of trying to rent a different facility for his church services. There is a church who wants to help them pay the rent on a building for a while as they work towards paying their own rent. Please pray that the Lord would provide a piece of property for them. They would be able to build their own building if they had their own piece of property. Pastor José Manuel has proved that he is faithful with what God has given them so far, and I believe he would do a great job at working towards their own building, when God provides them with the property. Pastor Felo is doing great also in Loma de Cabrera, which is about five hours from us here. He is praying about starting a second church about 25 minutes from his present area. We praise the Lord, also, for the church in Quita Sueño, where God is allowing us to continue to prepare laborers in the church and Bible College, and to plant churches all over the country.

As we work planting churches in the Dominican Republic, our daughter Angela is in her second year of Bible College, and Michael is in his senior year of High School. Sarah is ten years old and doing home school. Please pray especially for Michael with his upcoming decisions for college and his future. God bless you, and thank you for being our friends!

Your Servants and Missionaries in the Dominican Republic,

Steve Sidler

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