

Happy New Year! Joanna and I hope this update finds each of you growing in Christ Jesus and rejoicing in the grace extended to each of us this New Year. We are most excited about what 2018 has before us as we are about to complete our seventh year in the Dominican Republic. This year we pray to continue to move forward, enabled by the grace and provision of God, to see the continued revealing of His Kingdom on our island for the glory of Jesus and joy of His people. Below are some brief highlights in regards to what has and will be happening in the weeks and months ahead and how you can be praying specifically for the ministry.

Family:

We are back on the island after spending a few weeks with family, friends and supporters in the Atlanta area. It was the first trip stateside for Lucas (6 months) where he was introduced to aunts, uncles, cousins and great grandparents for the first time. Lucas is doing extremely well and has brought a peaceful joy to our otherwise spirited family unit. This visit was also the first trip back in a year for Joseph (5) and Liliana (3). America for them has come to mean Christmas, church visits, long car rides, special memory making adventures and this year, snow! Nevertheless, the fun has come to an end and it is back to school for both of them this week. Looking forward in 2018 we will be back in Georgia in May for the wedding of Joanna's baby sister and since it is baseball season a Braves game!

Ministry:

2017 ended with the baptisms of new third generation disciples, a new well for San Jose, a team from Honduras who facilitated a purity conference and discipleship training for our network, a vision trip from First Woodstock, a visit from some New York Yankees to San Jose and the completion of the construction phase of the new water filtration house. We are continuing to pray for laborers to come out of the harvest as God is extending our influence in the area. Discipleship remains our utmost priority as we labor to equip the disciples of our churches to engage lostness, grow in Christ and equip their own disciples for the glory of God and joy of His people. Currently our disciples are personally touching close to 400 Dominicans weekly with home Bible studies and Gospel seed sowing. This month the whole ministry team is getting back in gear for the new year as we met this week revising goals and vision for the next few months. Also, we host our friends from Ramah Presbyterian Church out of Charlotte, NC at the end of January. They will be working on a new home for Mello and his family in La Victorina.

Prayer Request:

- Pray that 2018 will be a year of maturing growth for the believers in our network and that they will grow in intimacy and conformity to Jesus and His Word.
- Pray for the obedience of each disciple to embrace the Great Commission and their God ordained role in laboring in Kingdom work in the Dominican Republic so that a knowledge of the glory of God will cover the island the way the water covers the seas.

- Pray for Kekey as he grows as a leader and pastors Iglesia de la Gracia in San Jose. December involved some church discipline cases he had to oversee, which both stretched and grew him in pastoral leadership.
- Pray for our cell group in La Victorina. They have been facing increased hostility from the Catholic Church in the village and we pray God will grow deep roots in His Word in order to confront the accusations through faithful exegesis.
- Pray for scheduled teaching opportunities in the Dominican and Costa Rica over the next couple months. Included in this is a visa to Costa Rica for Omar. Pray he can travel with me to do some discipleship/church plant training for some friends working in northern Costa Rica.
- Pray for Evelin, our church preschool teacher, who starts graduate school this month to become a certified teacher. Her hope is to become the village elementary teacher in San Jose. She would be the only teacher grades K-5. This would also mean a believer from our church is teaching every child in San Jose from the age of 3 to 12. What an awesome opportunity to impact generational change.
- Pray for the Grand Opening of our upgraded Water Filtration House. A celebration/dedication is scheduled for the opening, February 10th.
- Pray for encouragement and energy of our church planting team and my family as we expand into new areas of the Dominican training and equipping national believers while still nurturing our existing churches to become healthy and sustainable.
- Pray for the lost to be broken by the weightiness of the holiness and glory of God and set free from the bondage of their sin for their eternal joy and the joy of their fellow Dominicans.

Invest in the Ministry:

Joanna and I continue to be humbled and amazed at the faithfulness of God to provide provision for His work through His people. Often we both sit in amazement as we watch King Jesus meet our needs, the needs of our staff, the medical clinic, our churches and we glorify Him for this work. We also want to thank each of you for your continued support. As the ministry grows, so too do the needs and if you are interested in giving there are two options below.

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Again, thank you for your prayers, investment, love and encouragement and we love each of you deeply!

Craig, Joanna, Joseph, Liliana and Lucas