



The Townsley Times

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Church

We have been delighted to see dynamic spiritual growth in several of our church members. One family who had been with us since 2003 moved to the States. We are thrilled to hear them report they are attending a good church in Miami. **Please take a moment to pray for Cecilia, Melisa, Naomi, their mother, Julia, that they would continue to grow spiritually and stand strong in the Lord, and for the salvation of Marino, the father.**

Furlough

We took a much needed 8 week furlough this summer in order to rest and attempt to recoup our strength. We were blessed to be loaned a nice minivan from Baptist Missionary Transportation Ministry, allowing us to travel comfortably with no hassle and at minimum expense. Bro. Eric Hargis is doing a fantastic job with that ministry and was a tremendous blessing to us.

Changes

During our furlough, it became abundantly clear just how drained we were and that we desperately needed to adjust our pace and work load, as well as take time to raise needed support in order to stay on the field and work productively.

Because of this, I have let the church know I must resign as pastor and will probably soon be moving to another part of the island to team up with coworkers.

We are thrilled the people of the church expressed unanimously their desire to go on, but the church is small, and it is essential the church find a pastor quickly. **Please pray that God's will be done.**

Future plans

It will take several months for us to wrap things up here in Santo Domingo and make an orderly transition. Soon, we plan to look seriously at moving to the north part of the Dominican Republic, a region we have been promoting for years as a needy area for churches to be started.

We plan to take an entire year of furlough during 2010. This is long overdue and will be the first “real” furlough in our 11 years as missionaries.

Our supporters have been amazingly and enduringly faithful in their support, and we have learned to do more with less as we learned the country, the culture, and the language. However, our monthly support has always been a bit low, and we have lost a good bit of support to inflation over the years.

Our current support level of only 70% underscores the urgency to find like-minded churches to support and partner with us.

Thanks

A special thank you to those who gave special gifts and love offerings during our furlough. We also appreciate Bro. Derek's insistence that Hannah and I join Facebook to keep in contact with other missionaries, pastors, supporters, and family. It has been a source of needed encouragement during this time.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

In His Service,
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