

December 06, 1999

Dear Friends,

Praise the Lord! By the time most of you read this, Lord willing, Hannah and I will be married (Dec. 10)!!! It has truly been exciting to watch the way the Lord has worked in bringing us together for His service. We have both enjoyed every minute of it. One of Hannah's favorite verses is Gen. 24:27 "...I *being* in the way, the LORD led me..." A passage that has become very special to me during deputation is Proverbs 3:5,6 "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Truly, as we followed His leading in our lives, He brought us together in a very special way.

Praise the Lord! **He has given us 80% of our support!** Please continue to pray that we would be able to get the remaining 20% quickly. At this time, it looks as though we will be able to leave for language school shortly after the first of the year. Also, we are planning a survey trip to the Dominican Republic on January 7-14, 2000. Please pray that we would be able to accomplish everything that needs to be done while we are there.

We have our container and have started packing it to ship to the Dominican Republic. It is in good condition, and the Lord gave it to us at a good price. In the next couple of months, I will be updating you on the status of our outfit and passage funds. Currently, we have a good portion saved of the amount we will need. This has been made possible by the generosity of you, the churches that have taken a part in our ministry. There are many smaller items (from \$1 to \$1,000) we are wanting to be able to take with us including household items, tools, office supplies and other items. While most of these items are available in Santo Domingo, it would save us a significant amount of money to purchase them here because of the high prices in stores there. Perhaps there would be some Sunday School classes or other groups that would wish to make some of these items a group project over the next year or so. At this time, we are planning to ship our container a year from this coming February, and we would need the items before then. If any of you are interested, please contact us. We will be happy to send a list of some items to your church.

Please note our new E-mail address: **lhtownsley@mindspring.com** I cannot receive E-mail sent to my old address. Also, we do ask that we not be sent attachments or any forwarded mail since we usually must pay a long distance bill to access the account. Any personal correspondence is very welcome. Don't forget, we like to hear how you are doing too!!!

In His service,

Luke Townsley
Missionary to the Dominican Republic