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In our last letter, we gave a detailed report of our outfit and passage needs. Thank you for your prayers and help. Since that report, we have received \$3,300 designated for these needs. In addition, we contributed \$775 from our regular support. We praise the Lord that the total amount needed has been reduced from \$24,867 to \$20,792. The added funds have been directed into our vehicle fund, which is still \$4,000 short of our goal, and toward our residency visa process for which the goal has been met. We ask that you continue in prayer for our outfit and passage needs.

This last October, we made a quick trip to the Dominican Republic to begin our residency visa process. There are no extraordinary requirements for obtaining this visa, but it is a slow and expensive process. We are hopeful the initial phase will be completed by this winter allowing us to move into the DR and begin working next spring. It is my understanding that according to current Dominican laws, we should be able to complete this process about a year from the time we arrive in the Dominican Republic.

The work in the Dominican Republic is progressing well in spite of severe attacks by our adversary, the Devil. A new building has been rented in Santo Domingo for the new church, and a Christian school has been started for Dominican children. Also, some of the seminary classes are being held in this building. This coming fall, we plan to expand the seminary to include week-night classes as well as the week-end classes currently offered. In the Christian school and in the Bible seminary, our goal is to train servants of Jesus Christ that will be prepared to serve effectively in the areas God calls them to serve. Please pray for this new church in the Dominican Republic that God would continue to bless.

In Christ,

Luke and Hannah Townsley  
Missionaries to the Dominican Republic