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Ps. 136 :26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth forever.

Dear friends,

Truly we have much for which to be thankful. Just last Wednesday, we arrived in the Dominican Republic to begin work on a permanent basis. At the airport, we were greeted by Joshua Wesson who is a BIMI missionary. We were able to move into our apartment immediately and have been busily cleaning and repairing to make it more livable. Another important item for which we have to give thanks is that we have received most of the funds for our outfit and passage needs. Currently, we only need about \$2,730 more. Truly, God has poured out His blessings upon us and we praise Him for His goodness.

The next few weeks and months will be months of transition as we become more settled here and begin our new responsibilities and duties. We will be working with Missionaries Ronnie and Chona Autrey and Joshua and Joy Wesson. Both the Wessons and the Autreys are with the same mission as we are. We are helping in a new church, Iglesia Bautista Vida Nueva (New Life Baptist Church), which was started just last fall. Also new is the Christian school which was started as a ministry of the church. We will also be working with Resurrection Baptist Seminary which was started under another church which Bro. Autrey pastored before beginning Iglesia Bautista Vida Nueva. We ask that you would please pray especially for us these next few months as we begin working.

We thank the Lord for the opportunity we have to serve Him here. We know that while there may be easier roads through life, there truly is no greater life to live than that of serving the Lord wherever it might be that He would lead us. We thank Him and praise Him for His faithfulness. Although at times, the mountains may truly seem uncrossable and the rivers impossible, although we may be standing looking at the task God has called us to feeling as though it cannot be accomplished and worse not even fully understanding the true difficulty of the tasks before us as I felt three years ago when God first called me to the Dominican Republic; where God leads, He surely will make a way as He has done in our lives.

In His Service,

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