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Dear friends,

What a blessed privilege it is to be one of the Lord's marines on the "front lines" of service! It can't be said that the task is easy, but no one has ever described it as "boring" either. More and more we realize how wicked and spiritually needy the Dominican Republic truly is. In spite of our adversary, God has shown himself powerful in ways beyond imagination.



Singing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus with other missionaries on Christmas day.

One of the ways God has demonstrated his power is by bringing us the Chris Phillips family to labor with us in starting this new work. Last summer, when we first felt the Lord leading us to start a new work here, in our hearts, we truly felt as though a team effort would be several times more effective than an individual effort. By faith, we stepped out and began heading in the direction we knew the Lord was leading us. Little did we know that at the same time, the Lord was leading the Phillips family to work in the Dominican Republic!

Understandably, we are very excited to see how the Lord is putting together His work here. The Lord has confirmed in our hearts the exact area of ministry in the northwest part of the city of Santo Domingo. It includes several developing residential areas. We know only of a Mormon, Methodist and Pentecostal church. In order to establish ourselves more with the people in that area and to begin having Bible studies, we plan to move there in the near future.

Last month, we saw the Lord answer some very specific needs. We are very grateful for the Christmas gifts that were sent, as well as the many cards we received. We are even more grateful for you, the co-laborers the Lord has blessed us with, who faithfully support us through prayers and finances. Your part cannot be underestimated in the Lord's work here in the Dominican Republic. Continually, we are reminded of the importance and power of prayer.

We covet your prayers for the Lord's protection spiritually, mentally, and physically. Please pray also that God would give us a greater heart and understanding for the Dominican people and wisdom in how to reach them with the Gospel. There are options to begin several different types of ministries right away. Please pray that God would guide and direct us in which ones to become involved with and how to direct them. Also, please pray that God would send us the people He would have both to minister with us and for us to minister to. Above all, please pray that souls will be saved and lives changed.

In His service,

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