

# The Townsley Times

January 2004

Dear friends,

The last chapter of 2003 was a very exciting and blessed one for us. Iglesia Bautista Manantial de Vida was started November 16, 2003! Not knowing what the response would be, we started out with 3 services a week. God has been so good and has blessed. It was even more exciting to see that 11 souls made professions of faith on our special "Family Sunday." **We covet your prayers for several families that have been with us studying the Bible for 2 years now and still have not received Christ.** We thank the Lord that they are coming to church, but we pray the Holy Spirit will open their blinded eyes and give them understanding.

Luke is busy preaching 3 services a week, and is again teaching a class in Missionary Sidler's Bible Institute. We praise the Lord for health and strength as much work is involved with the beginning of the church. We are encouraged with the positive response to the preaching. Luke has been preaching on the home and basic doctrines. **Please pray with us that God will bless this new church with strong, dedicated Christians who will be the foundation for the generations to come.** We plan to have our first baptism and to formally organize the church within the next few months.

We are happy to announce that Hannah is now three months pregnant and seems to be over the morning sickness. The baby is due July 4<sup>th</sup>. She has been rather busy with teaching a children's class for the three church services, putting on a Christmas drama with the kids, and of course, keeping up with our very active and growing little Meagan (9 months old). The Lord has intervened so many times and given her strength. Interestingly enough, she rarely experienced morning sickness on Sundays. Isn't the Lord good!

There is an economic/political crisis in the making right now here in the Dominican Republic. We covet your prayers for safety and wisdom since we do not know what will happen in this country as the presidential election approaches in May 2004. We hope the Lord will use this difficult time to draw the Dominican people to Himself. Crime has increased. Devaluation of the peso and economic inflation are running out of control. People are getting more stressed and desperate. **Please pray for us, the conversion of souls, and that God would give our Dominican congregation grace and wisdom through this time.**

We are so grateful for those of you who sent us financial gifts throughout the year as well as for the Christmas gifts and cards of encouragement. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and your prayers. We are blessed to be partners with you in the work God has started here. To God be the glory for what He has done!!!

In His Service,

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Teenagers setting up for Christmas play



Meagan "says" Hi!

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