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# MINISTRY REPORT

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## DO NOT BE AFRAID

**“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”**

Perhaps no missionary can escape the reality that fear can often invade our hearts. When the waves of life hit us unexpectedly, we fear or when the challenges of God overtake us, fear invades us.

So, it is not difficult to relate to Josuah. God called him to replace Moses, giving him the task of guiding the conquest of the promised land. It is there that God encourages him not to fear. The God who had chosen, equipped and commissioned him reminds him that He himself would always be with him, if he dedicated himself to following him.

### NEW BIBLE CLUBS



At the beginning of the biblical clubs, we had certain reservations. We knew that by the pandemic we had to find a way to continue carrying the gospel and the clubs were the answer. However, we needed tables, chairs, materials to start the first club in the Community of the Tombs. God blessed us with resources and so we launched the Esperanza club in 2020. However,

God gave us the desire to open one more club in another Haitian church, now in the community of Sombrero, only 10 minutes from our house. The challenge was the same, resources. Thank God the resources came to buy tables, materials and more. So every Saturday we leave two groups to minister with the

Word of God to these children. Every Saturday between the two clubs we have more than 120 children.



The pandemic also led our local church to try to start some kind of activities for children. In this way in February our local church started 10 kids bible clubs and one of them is located in our house. Thank God, a generous family donated us to buy the materials necessary for the launch of these clubs that meet in the home of ten families from the church. Every week

these agreed clubs minister to about 150 children. God has been faithful.



Bible Club Los Tumbaos

### JANUARY

- New Bible Club in Sombrero
- Start of Bible Club Los Tumbaos
- Equip 10 New Bible Clubs
- New Bible Club at Home



Equipping New Bible Clubs in our local Church



Bible Club Los Tumbaos

New Bible Club at our Home

New Bible Club in Sombrero

James and Jaimeline preparing craft

# BIBLES FOR LATINOAMERICA

Sometimes fear comes to us when we are unable to fulfill things that we think God is guiding us to do. With the expansion of the ministry and also with the growth of the ministries we support in several countries, it was normal to think that they would need more Bibles. We were given the task of praying and seeking support and thanks to the donation of two brothers in the United States, hundreds of Bibles have been sent to Nicaragua, Colombia, Dominican Republic and soon to El Salvador.



Bibles for our partner Church in DR



Boxes of Bibles in Colombia



Bibles in Nicaragua



Bible for our local church



Shipping Bibles

# CHAPEL DEDICATION

Back in 2020 we help to build a chapel for a congregation. Floor and finish was need it and by God grace the local Church do this. Was so good to receive a call from the pastor inviting me to a dedication service. Only two things was need it before that day, painting and electrical system. Praise the Lord because our organization provide the resources to Paint and make the electrical system. Today this local Church is growing and we are ready to keep helping them.



Personally paint this beautiful temple inside



The lights shining in the temple



Outside the chapel

# FLORIDA TRIP

My trip to florida was wonderful. We managed to preach at Providence Road Church in Miami, at the Overcomers Ministry in Titusville, attend the Grace Partnership conference in Orlando, and greet many brothers and pastors, get some funding for bible clubs, and also contact potential donors for other projects I'll tell them later.

It was also wonderful to be blessed with the hospitality of brothers in Miami, Titusville, and Orlando who lovingly welcomed, cared for, and showed us so much love.

Looking forward to spend more time with brothers from Florida and from another state in United State that are important part of what the Lord allow us to do in the mission field.



Meet pastors from Haiti



Meet also pastor Tom from Minnessota



Meet pastors from South America

## FEBRUARY WORKS

- We continue with the clubs
- Inauguration of Los Alcarrizos Temple
- Trip to Florida
- Bibles



# VACATION TIME

After returning from Florida we took a few days off and traveled to Samana Province. It was a good time with Jacqueline and the kids.



# BATHROOMS IN LOS TUMBAOS CHAPEL

I think you remember that last year we started remodeling the temple of the Perservadora church, a Haitian church where we have one of the clubs. Thanks to the donation of a church in Iowa, we managed to begin another project in favor of this congregation, the construction of bathroom, installation of sinks, toilets and urinals.



Bricks for the bathrooms walls



Sink, Toilet and other materials



Sweating a little



Walls progress

# PASTORAL AND LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

We were a little concerned about the logistics for the conference of pastors and leaders that we will have with the Haitian Association of Baptist Churches. However, in February we managed to meet with Pastor Jose Avella of Providence Road Church and for the glory of God and the good of his work, this congregation will be sponsoring the conference and Pastor Jose Avella along with Pastor Jessy Crowley will be traveling to the Dominican Republic in May to equip and bless 11 pastors and their leaders.

This relationship with the Haitian brothers in the Dominican Republic is getting stronger and stronger. To such an extent that we are praying that God will allow us to purchase land for the future construction of a center that allows us to equip at a higher level, pastors and missionaries for the Hatian churches in the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

At the moment, biblical clubs, construction projects, as well as the conferences, resources and support we give to some of these pastors, are part of the long-term vision of reaching the Haitian people with the gospel of salvation from the Dominican Republic.

**MARCH WORKS**

- Vacation Time
- Bathrooms in Los Tumbaos
- Planning Pastor Conference



With some pastors from the Haitian Baptisp Association. Planning the conference.



Spending time with pastors, giving them resources like audio, computers is vital for long-term vision. If you have this type of equipment and would like to Support, please contact us.



# OUR FAMILY

March ended with the need to confront the surgery room. My beloved wife had to be subjected to an surgery. Thank God the procedure went well, two days ago we returned home, after a week in the capital. Pray for your recovery, for the children and for me, for I am the one who is taking care of everyone right now.



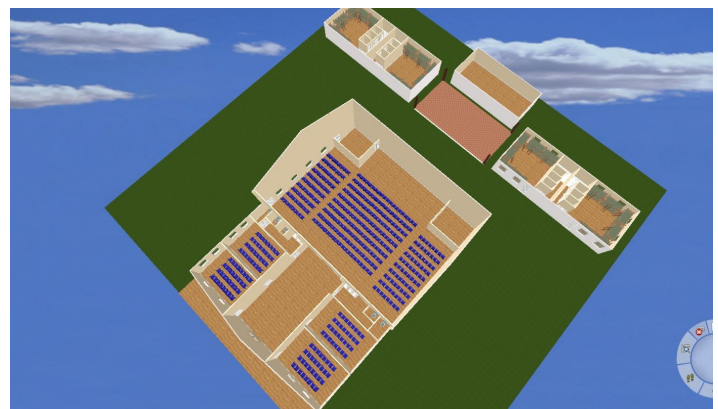
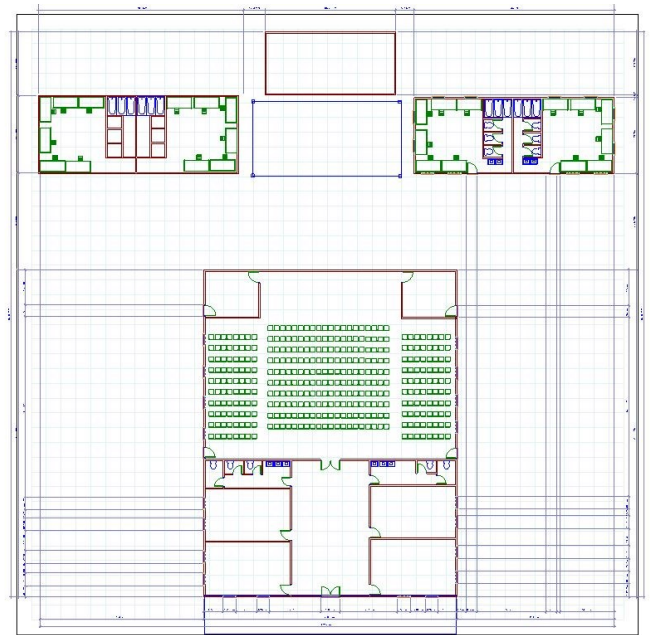
While we took some time to devote it to Jacqueline's care, we took a little use to teach the children some cooking. As you can see, James knows how to make fried eggs. The decoration of the dish is also from him, whom I call a happy egg, although I am not very convinced that the egg shows that. In the Picture below, Jacqueline after surgery.



## PRAYER REQUEST

1. For Jacqueline total recovery and the Kids.
2. For the Kids of our bible clubs we Will keep going but with limitations until Jacqueline return.
3. For the Visit of brother John Barrett April 22. Pray the Lord led Us to understand how 516 Now can expand in DR. Soon we Will buy a land if the Lord allow it.
4. For the land project, we have already some donor ready and 2 options. The land cost 36000 US, we have promess of 36000. God is moving.
5. For my Passport renewal. With my trip cancel to Nicaragua im facing problems with the renewal.
6. For our pastoral and leadership conference in May.
7. For our personal finances. We must raise our monthly income. Jacqueline's surgery, plus the need for insurance and unforeseen expenses, have us a little narrow. In addition, Jacqueline will not be able to work for two months and the resources she creates with her business will be needed.
8. For To the missionary training center. Project that as soon as we finish the designs and budget I will be sharing them, I leave the preliminary design. The main idea is a center with bedrooms, auditorium, classrooms, in order to prepare pastors and missionaries for the Haitian Community and the world. It will also allow us to receive missionary groups, lectures, trainings, camps, and more.

## Missionary Training Center Blueprint



In Christ

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BLANDON GUZMAN FAMILY

JAIME, JACQUELINE, JAIMELINE AND JAMES