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## An Answer to Prayer!

If you've followed our newsletters for any length of time, you probably remember me talking about a guy named Geraldo. Geraldo is one of the first people we saw accept the Lord as a direct result of our ministry in the Dominican Republic. He was a young man that was just finishing up high school when we met him. He came to our "Brownie Night" that was held in our home, then started coming to church. Not long after, he accepted Christ as his personal Savior. Well, you want to talk about a changed life!!! Geraldo has spent the last several years deepening his walk with Christ while becoming a very active servant for Him in our local church. He works in the youth group, teaches in the children's ministry, runs the sound board for church, and is constantly at the church fixing, painting, cleaning, etc, etc, etc. There is not enough space in this newsletter to tell you about all that Geraldo is doing.

One of the gifts that God has given to Geraldo is the ability to draw and paint. Geraldo has put in countless hours at the school and church painting murals and Bible verses on the walls. He even taught art class at the Palms for a year. Unfortunately, Geraldo couldn't continue teaching, because he did not have a college degree and with our school's certifications, we can only have teachers with degrees and certifications. Geraldo attempted to study in the university in Santo Domingo, but finances have always been a problem for him. He was forced to drop out and get a job in order to support himself and help his family, but his desire has always been to go back to school.

This past Wednesday night, I had the privilege to present our ministry in a



local church. I was talking about Geraldo and his story, and a man from the church approached me after the service and asked about how much it would take for Geraldo to finish his college studies. I told him about what I thought it would cost, and I was expecting the man to say that

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"I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right; but it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation may be on the Lord's side."

- Abraham Lincoln

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## Praises

- New University Group
- Geraldo's University
- Daily Provision
- Faithful Supporters
- Financial Provision
- Family Health
- 20 Years of Marriage

Geraldo painting a mural at the church

he would be praying for him to get the money, but to my surprise, the man told me that he would like to pay for the remainder of Geraldo's University costs! I was flabbergasted, but I shouldn't have been, because I've watched God do this sort of thing over and over again. Geraldo and I had been praying for this for about a year now. God showed up in a big way, and I can't wait to see what else he has in store for Geraldo in the future!

### **Las Palmas News:**

What a crazy end to the year! Like everyone else in the world, we finished the school year online. It was a crazy time, but we managed. Typically this time of the year, we are still looking and praying for more teachers, but this year, we are basically set for next year, except for someone to teach high school science (or English). This is an amazing thing, since we now need 12 full-time Americans (or English first speakers) to fill the school's needs.

We also received a sizable donation that will allow us to finish the court by adding the basketball goals. We hope to have this done by the beginning of the school year, which we are currently planning to begin as scheduled in August. There are many hurdles to still overcome and much is still unknown, but we are trusting the Lord and His timing for the start of the new year.

### **Family Update:**

Can you believe that it's been 10 years ago that the Lord called us into missions?? That's right, on our 10th anniversary trip, God gave us the burden to go, then a year later, we were making final preparations to go the DR. Well, since it's been 10 years, that's right, we are getting ready to celebrate 20 years together on August 5th! We also had to renew our passports this year, and with COVID, that has become a problem for us. We sent our passports in over a month ago, and still have no news. We know other missionary friends who sent theirs in over two months ago and still don't have them back. The closer we get to August, the more worried we are getting, because of the start of school. We know God has it all planned out, but it is still difficult for us to walk through the unknown. Please pray that they process our passports quickly and we can get back home to the DR soon.

### **Church Update:**

After a couple of months of online-only services, we were allowed by the government to go back to in-person services a couple of weeks ago. This has been a blessing to our church family, but we still have a long way to go to

get back to "normal" (whatever that means anymore). We are still doing our small groups by video calls, so we have been able to maintain our university group while we are in the States, but it is hard. We miss the students and it is difficult to feel connected to them via video chat. We look forward to the time when we can get back to our regular small groups where we can actually meet together in the same room. Please pray with us that the Lord will continue to work in the situations that will allow that to happen. First, we need to get our passports, then we need the Dominican government to re-open the borders, then finally, we need them to also relax the restrictions about groups meeting. I know the Lord can and will answer these requests. We appreciate your supplication on our behalf.

## **Prayer Requests**

- The hearts of the Dominican people to be softened to the Gospel message
- Brownie Night/Youth Group
- Las Palmas Christian School
- Completion of the court at Las Palmas
- The new university group
- Our passports
- COVID restrictions



University Small Group Roller Skating Activity