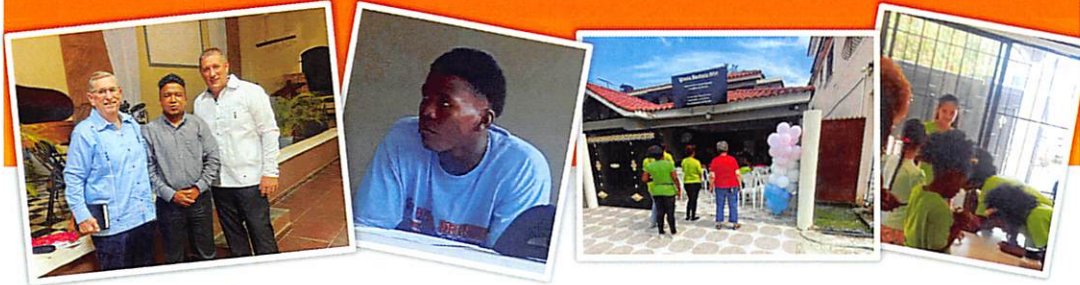


Hodges Prayer Letter

Discipling the Nations in the Dominican Republic and Beyond



July & August Prayer Letter

Dear Friends,

Warmest greetings from the Dominican Republic!

This summer has been a special season for Paula and me. We recently returned to the States for a couple of months of furlough, giving us the opportunity to visit family and spend time with several of our supporting churches. We are always grateful for the opportunity to reconnect with those who have faithfully prayed for and supported us throughout the years.

CELEBRATING 23 YEARS!

The San Pedro church recently celebrated **23 years of God's faithfulness** with a special Sunday evening service of praise followed by a time of fellowship. What a joy it was to reflect on all that God has done through this church over the years!

During those 23 years, the church has been blessed with three pastors. The current pastor, Dominican pastor **Carlos Rijo**, continues to lead the church toward spiritual and numerical growth. We are thankful to see God continuing to work through this congregation.

One of the important ministry strategies we are pursuing is the development of the **INVI Chapel**. We describe this philosophy simply as **"Giving Ministry Away!"**

We believe in giving young men opportunities to develop their ministry gifts and leadership skills under the guidance and leadership of veteran missionaries. We are seeing the fruit of this approach:

- **Andry Santana**, the current pastor of the chapel, is one example of a young man who has been given opportunities to grow and lead.

- **Jesse Simineaux** continues to receive opportunities to preach and lead.
- Three young men being discipled by missionary **Jason Sykes** are each leading Bible studies on Thursday evenings while Jason is away.

What a blessing to see young men being equipped and given opportunities to serve!

PRAY FOR OUR NEXT STEPS

Please pray for us as we consider what God has for us next.

Our original thoughts were to plant another chapel, but the Lord has been redirecting our hearts. There are several struggling Baptist churches in the area that need revitalization. Rather than starting another church, we are praying about coming alongside these pastors and churches—encouraging them, helping them develop their ministries, and equipping them to reach their own communities for Christ.

Please pray for wisdom and discernment as we seek to follow where the Lord is leading.

As always, Paula and I are deeply grateful for your faithful support and prayers. **We could not have come this far in ministry without you.** Your prayers, encouragement, and generosity have made it possible for us to continue serving here in the Dominican Republic.

We are blessed because you support us and pray for us.

Always in Christ,

Doug & Paula Hodges

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