Hodges Prayer Letter

Discipling the Nations in the Dominican Republic and Beyond



Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

It is with a grateful heart that I write to express our sincere gratitude for the privilege of serving the Lord here in the Dominican Republic. Paula and I are thankful for you, your faithful prayers, and your financial support that make it possible for us to continue sharing the gospel and investing in the lives of pastors and churches.

The ministry continues to move forward, and we are encouraged by what God is doing. As you might remember, Pastor Andry Santana was installed as pastor of the INVI Chapel. He has demonstrated strong leadership as he leads and guides the congregation. It has been encouraging to see his commitment to the work and his desire to faithfully shepherd the church. Please pray with us as we seek opportunities to reach out to and encourage struggling churches. We want to keep our eyes and hearts open to the spiritual needs around us and be ready to respond wherever God leads. Along those same lines, we were recently invited to celebrate the second anniversary of the ministry of missionaries Robersy and Sarah Lara. It was a joy to see what God is doing through this new work and to celebrate the progress they have made. We are grateful to see how God continues to raise up people to reach others with the gospel.

Other Ministry Opportunities

Winter Baseball is in full swing! Our team takes turns attending the games, and it has proven to be a great way to meet people and build relationships. These games provide open doors for ministry and opportunities to share Christ with people in our community.

As our team continues to grow, we are discovering even more opportunities to minister. Jesse Simoneaux has started Jiu-Jitsu classes with a desire to eventually build a team that can use

Jiu-Jitsu as a tool for ministry. We are excited to see how the Lord might use this opportunity to build relationships and open doors for the gospel.

Friday night at IBEM was a special evening as we celebrated missions. The church was full, and the meal was prepared using recipes from all over the world. Our church is truly an international hub! Pastor Carlos reminded the congregation that IBEM was started by missionaries and challenged everyone to remember that God can still call missionaries from within our own congregation. It was a wonderful and encouraging evening, and a great reminder of the importance of missions and our responsibility to take the gospel to the nations.

Would you please pray with us for the following:

- Pray for the continued growth and development of Dominican pastors and church leaders, especially Pastor Andry Santana and the INVI Chapel.
- Pray for opportunities to encourage struggling churches and recognize the spiritual needs around us.
- Pray for Robersy and Sarah Lara as they continue developing this new ministry.
- Pray for the opportunities provided through Winter Baseball and the new Jiu-Jitsu ministry. Ask God to use these relationships to open doors for the gospel.
- Pray that God will continue to raise up missionaries from within the congregation at IBEM and give us a heart for the nations.
- Pray for Paula and me, that God would continue to provide the strength and good health we need to finish strong in the work He has called us to do.

Thank you for standing with us. We recognize that this ministry would not be possible without the faithful partnership of churches and friends like you. Your prayers, encouragement, and generosity are making an eternal difference in the lives of people here in the Dominican Republic.

May God continue to bless you and your ministry as you faithfully serve Him.

Always in Christ, ~ Doug Hodges

