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Hodges Prayer Letter

Discipling the Nations in the Dominican Republic and Beyond



January - February Prayer Letter

MISSIONS REACHES ANOTHER MILESTONE!!

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, February 15, 2026, a Biblical model of missions was realized in the Dominican Republic. Over three years ago, Missionary pastor and co-founder of the San Pedro church shared his vision to extend the outreach of the church in San Pedro. This church was founded in 2003 under the combined leadership of Gary Hale and me. It was decided that I would be the pastor since I had previous church planting experience in the Dominican Republic.

The church grew creating the need for a larger building. Gary was the pastor had led the church in this period of growth, as well as the purchase of the current church facilities. As the Lord prospered the church, God had brought a young man into the church, prepared him through Pastor Gary's mentorship, along with his preparation in the Seminary. Approximately, 2-3 years ago, Pastor Carlos Rijo Tejerria became the pastor and has led the church into new growth through his excellent Biblical preaching of the Word.

Pedro. He reminded me of the strategy of Highland Park Baptist Church in Chattanooga. Being aware of and having been a part of the chapel program, I understood the concept since my first opportunity of ministry, as a student at Tennessee Temple College, was in one of those chapels.

Understanding missions and church planting, the Lord led Paula and me to initiate the chapel ministry as an outreach of the mother church. That chapel was started in the summer of 2022. This past Sunday, after growth and outreach in the community and the baseball programs in the area, the chapel took a major step to install Dominican pastor, Andry Santana. God had prepared him through the home church serving as a deacon and his preparation in the seminary. Andry, living around close the chapel, walked with me every step in the establishment of the chapel. Sunday, February 15, was the highlighted pinnacle as Andry Santana was installed as pastor. To God be all the glory!!

What do Paula and I do now? We will continue to mentor and encourage as a part of the chapel. As the Lord leads, we will begin outreach in other needed areas to establish Bible studies, win and disciple others in the community for Christ.

We praise the Lord for His leadership to serve in planting churches and discipling believers. Thank you!!! Thank you!!! This huge step in missions was done because of your support and prayers! To God be all the Glory!!!

Gratefully yours,

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