

The Fianos

Church Planting in the Dominican Republic and Haiti



Hello Family, Friends, and Partners,

Thank you for all of the love and support you have shared with our family throughout 2022: we are celebrating one year of serving and doing life with our friends in the DR! We want to make sure that you are updated and aware of answered prayers (salvations and baptisms), unique events, urgent needs, and prayerful ways you can support our ministry. Your support is critical to reaching lost people and providing spiritual guidance, as well as physical support for the serious needs and poverty. We tangibly felt the power of your prayer throughout 2022, especially while we were traveling. So many hurdles needed to be overcome, we could feel the Lord's presence and the peace of the prayer covering our family.

Most of you know that we went on a sabbatical on January 20th of 2022 to the DR to rest and see what God's will was for the next season of our life after closing our business. Little did we know that our location would be critical for His next steps for our lives. While in prayer, God revealed that we were going to meet three men: meetings that God had already set in motion. After sharing with Marc, Monty, and Kency the revelation we had received in prayer, our bible study began. During this first trip God blew our minds and our team grew to 6-7 people. We studied the Word and prayed together weekly, and our relationships bloomed during this trip.

We returned home in March, but continued our Monday meetings online. Technology is nice, but it is hard to replace doing life in person. Thankfully, we were able to make plans and returned June-July. Our goal was to begin a 13-week bible study (Experiencing God by Henry Blackaby), as well as continuing outreach amongst the people living in the communities.

Our Second Trip

Our first meeting in June was surreal and confirming as 17 people came to our meeting, two people received Christ, and 4 in total made decisions to be baptized. God allowed such a special night to let us know we were right where He wanted us. The rest of our trip was amazing, and God continued to draw people to where we were, and they immediately were brought into our group. We held our meeting right out in the open on the beach and were surprised how random people would join us for the evening as we studied, prayed, and worshipped. We felt that God wanted us to be in such an open setting that people who never would go looking for a church could find us right where they were.





Hurricane Fiona

Our first emergency relief situation came as some of our people were in desperate need after Hurricane Fiona left some of our friends with extreme loss. It was amazing how so many of you stepped up to support this cause. We were humbled that so many of you would entrust our ministry to be a conduit to bless these people. We were able to provide food for many people in the town of Higüey. We were also able to help two of our families that had lost their homes, roof, and many belongings inside. These families have been extremely grateful for your support, saying, "We do not have the words to tell you how thankful we are."

Next Steps

After July, I had many things to finish which limited our travels. I underestimated how long it would take to close our business and move forward. God has been faithful through this all as we have leased out our old office for the next three years, providing income for our family. We still have things to liquidate and clean up, but we have now reached a place where the old life is past, and we are stepping into the new season. We are planning to return to the DR in February. Please pray for us as we are looking for affordable lodging and making our plans to reconnect with our team in person. We have many things to consider as we will be home schooling the kids while we are there.



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Thank You!

So many of you have supported us financially this year. It is a blessing to have you investing in what we feel God is calling us to be part of. God has blessed our family over the years and has made this transition possible through his financial blessing in our lives. We want you to know that while we do need your continued financial support to reach those who are far from God in the DR, supplies for our team, and outreach supplies, our family is in a financial position that we do not need any funds for our own personal expenses. All your financial support will directly go towards our ministry efforts in the Dominican Republic. We want you to know that it is a huge honor to steward your gifts to build his kingdom.

We love all of you and look forward to sharing the miraculous stories God is going to write in this ministry.

Nick – Jamie – Kael – Silas –
Rhemi – Vera – Colette





Prayer Opportunities

-The racial tensions between Dominican and Haitian cultures. Most of the people we walk with are Haitian refugees. Pray for the divisions of cultural racism to subside through the work we are doing. Pray that our team, which is culturally diverse, will set an awesome example for the community.

-The physical needs of our team. Most of the people we serve earn between \$250-\$400USD per month for their whole family to live off of. God has given us business ideas and knowledge through the 22 years we ran our family business, to help address some of their employment needs. Please pray for God's wisdom and guidance.

-Getting work visas. Many of our Haitian friends have (close to) expired work visas, and with the Haitian government in a terrible state, cannot get updated visas. Some have applied and had their money taken- but then no visa was issued. Pray we can help them expedite this process, as the police and immigration are a very troubling issue in the DR.

-For our team to remain strong and continue to push forward in their faith even when they are weary and feel depressed at times when the road continues to be stacked against them.

-For Pastor Autry and his family as they are on a similar mission in the DR with two church plants already in place. We always love attending their services as well and meeting so many wonderful people in their congregation. Our families are remarkably similar and all our children love being together.

Personal Requests

-For our family. It is easy to get distracted when there are so many needs around you, that sometimes you leave the ones you love the most with unmet relational needs. Please pray for our children as they will be completing their schoolwork remotely and have a bit of anxiety about some of their work. Pray for Jamie and I to have strong unity and that we will work hard to make sure the relational needs of our marriage will be met before ministry.

-For Gods divine guidance as we serve, and that we would have confidence in the next steps He would ask us to take.



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