

# Greetings from Connie

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### Vacation Bible School

We held our first vacation Bible school this summer. The youth and young adults of the church did all the work as leaders and I was very proud of them. We had no prepackaged VBS supplies so we had to develop our own program. We have been blessed though and we used the felt board material given by New Covenant UMC, The Villages, Florida and large puppets donated by Aldersgate UMC Preschool, Seminole, FL.



You can see how the children loved their time in VBS and how they all wanted to participate. We worked with younger children in the morning and older children in the afternoon. If any churches have 'craft kits' from their VBS that they didn't use, we would love to receive them for next year. Any reading material would have to be in Spanish, but we could use the craft supplies.



## Youth Scavenger Hunt

Scavenger hunts are always so much fun here in the Dominican Republic! I'd like to see some of our US youth find and bring to church a goat, a chicken, a dog (ok that wouldn't be that hard). Lots of laughs! The rural churches are all so serious they seem to forget about the JOY of the Lord. Maybe that is why so few youth can be found in the churches (Bombita is an exception). Since our church is mostly youth and young adults, we integrate a lot of fun in our Christian lives, showing them that you can have fun IN the church and you don't have to look to the WORLD to provide your entertainment. This week we are going to play Bible Baseball so they are all studying up to get in shape for their big game!



## Men's Choir

We have been praying for more men to step forward and commit to Christ and little by little this is happening. This is not only our men's choir, but the sum total of our men minus one! It is a good foundation, though, and one that God will build on. Now if we can just teach them more than one song!



### Prayer Requests:

For Rosalba's mother as she recuperates after blood clots in her brain. She is still on a respirator (in New York)

For Nairobi's sister as she recuperates from a stroke right after giving birth.

For Riko, COPA's health advisor, as she recuperates from dengue fever.

For spiritual growth of our church members.

For continued good health and wisdom as I work with this new young congregation.

We give thanks for

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