

Greetings from Connie

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Day of the Pastor

Pastor's Appreciation Day was very special to me. We gathered in the upstairs youth room where we shared games and of course, great food. Questions were asked of me so they could know more about me like favorite verse, who was most instrumental in my spiritual growth, etc. There was a time when they shared their appreciation for me and those sweet words will be treasured forever.



We went to support a nearby church with their outreach to their community. Francis, Rosalba and Lorennny are preparing the scriptures and our youth presented a drama. (Thank you YouTube!) They have an extensive repertoire of dramas that are used at different events. They are becoming well known for their presentations of the Gospel through drama and dance.



It amazes me to see junior high boys and adults putting together puzzles for young children but it points out the lack of experiences they had when younger.



Easter

Street Revival in Jacquimeyes

Having been away last year for Easter, this was really the first opportunity I had with this new congregation to walk them through 'Holy Week' so that they could learn the significance of each event. In the DR, Holy Week is huge, but not for the true meaning but for the long week of beach, parties, gatherings and drinking. We participated in a Thursday morning retreat in Barahona with Pastor Pedro's congregation. We celebrated Good Friday with a service of the seven last words of Christ on the cross, a 5:30 am Saturday morning prayer vigil and a glorious celebration service on Easter morning! Much like what you probably did but much was new to this group.



Yaraidy and Nairobi had attended a liturgical dance workshop and worked so hard with Loreenny to present two specials for our Easter service. They looked so lovely in their new dance wear that had just arrived on the Missionary Flight just in time! We look forward to many more presentations. Yaraidy is already working with our younger girls to include them in this ministry of praising God through dance.



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Youth Club

Our youth club continues to reach out to youth in our community. We love our newest addition which you can see hanging on the wall in the background. We have been blessed with a 42" screen TV which has been mounted on the wall. It is wonderful for our exercise classes, movie night, concert DVDs, etc. I love the BBC Life series and Planet Earth which I play constantly as the youth are playing. I love to watch the amazement on their faces as they see things they have never seen before!



Prayer Requests

Pamela, a youth who accepted Christ this month
 For more youth to make a commitment to Jesus
 For Peter, Genera, Joan, Donald & Cindy, a family I am discipling
 Continued prayers for Fermin's health.



Thank you for your continued prayers and support for God's work here in the Dominican Republic. I couldn't be here if it weren't for your amazing support!