



Greetings from Connie March/2014

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Time!

Well, it is time to visit all my wonderful supporting churches! It is always such a special time to renew friendships and to make new friends as I travel to say thank you for your faithful support of the work of the United Methodist Church's missionary program. I will list where I will be so hopefully I can see each one of you. I still have a few churches to schedule so if you are one of those, let me hear from you!

I didn't feel it was best to be away the full three months concurrently so I have been given permission to break the time up. I will be in the states for April and May and then return for September.

March 30- Trinity UMC, New Albany, IN
March 31-April 4 Wellness Care, Atlanta, GA
April 6- Striplin Terrace UMC, Columbus, GA
April 7-10 GBGM Offices – NY
April 16- Pasadena Community, St. Pete. FL
April 20 Easter at Aldersgate my home church
April 23- Trinity UMC, Sarasota, FL
April 25-27 New Covenant, The Villages, FL
April 30- 1st UMC, Englewood, FL
May 4- 1st UMC, Brandon, FL
May 6- Lakewood UMC, Ft. Pierce, FL (pend)
May 7- 1st UMC Lakeland, FL
May 11- St. John's UMC, Sebring, FL
May 14- Trinity UMC, Sumter, SC
May 16- Covenant UMC friends, High Point, NC
May 18- Main Street UMC, Kernersville, NC
May 21- Aldersgate UMC, Shelby, NC
May 23-26 Columbus, Ohio (son's wedding!)
June 1- Aldersgate UMC, Seminole, FL
Sept 7- Hyde Park UMC, Tampa, FL
Sept 14- 1st Port Charlotte UMC, FL
Sept 21- 1st Ft. Myers, FL

Update on Fermin

We have received very upsetting and confusing news about Fermin and the 'first live liver transplant' done here in the DR. After about six months of doing every known test available for both him and his brother who was the match donor, he has been told they cannot do the transplant after all because they do not have the equipment required by the transplant team who was to come from Spain to do and teach the procedure. His brother had even quit his job as he was having trouble getting time off work to have his tests done and they were told that they were waiting on them to finish the tests! I had been there about two weeks before receiving this news and was told it all depended on when the boys got their tests done. This has been quite a shock to us and especially for Fermin. This surgery was offered free as it was in order to teach the procedure. The surgeon has told him he can have his name placed on the normal transplant list but the cost of this is \$1,500,000 pesos or around \$40,000 U.S. paid up front! His insurance will not cover any of it. It may be the cheapest in the Caribbean and South America but when you don't have \$40,000 that seems a moot point. So we continue to pray for a miracle healing for Fermin.



Mello and Griselle

Many of you prayed with us for Mello and Griselle and I need to ask you to do so again. If you remember, they had a baby girl die at three weeks of age and then a miscarriage and then their son died when he was about one month old. After some time now, Griselle is pregnant again and they have gone to a different doctor who is aware of the complications she has had in the past. We are all praying for a safe pregnancy and a healthy baby, delivered by Caesarean section to avoid trauma on the baby.



Missionary Retreat

For the very first time we celebrated a missionary's retreat with missionaries serving the Iglesia Evangelica Dominicana. It was a very inspiring time as we shared our individual calls. It was a time of getting to know one another and a time of supporting each other. I certainly hope we will repeat this event again in the future.



**Missionaries with Rev. Miguel Cancú
Old Picture**

I just found this old picture and loved the colors. Some of you have said I don't put in pictures of myself so here's one! If I keep putting in old pictures then you won't see that I am getting older!



Youth Service Celebrating Talents

It's always great fun when we celebrate our God given talents at the church. Especially since one never quite knows what the boys will come up with. It was a great night of fun and brought many people to the church. While there they were also presented with the Gospel message. Seeds can be planted in many different ways!



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