

Reaching:

The Dominican Republic, Ecuador, and Beyond

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Dear Friends and Partners,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! God has given us a new year to serve and a new task! We have sought the Lord's guidance in recent months about retirement, but His peace has not given peace to retire.

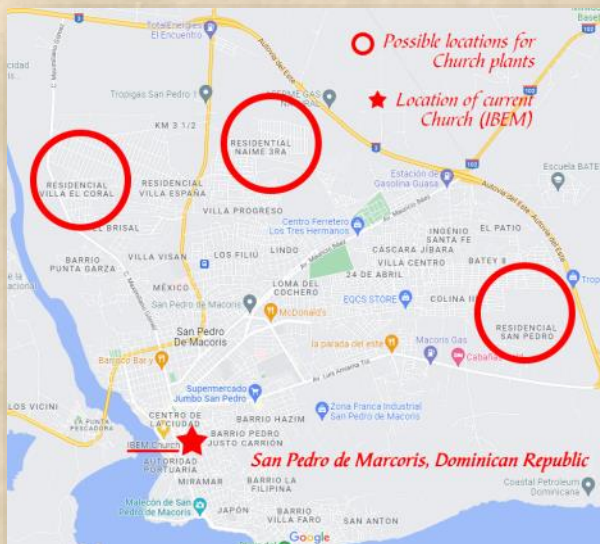
Instead, God has turned our eyes and hearts (though our hearts have never been out of the DR) and has given us peace to return and pick up a part of

the original vision that has not been completed. A strong church has been established in San Pedro, the bi-lingual Christian

school is going strong, the sports and rescue ministries are successfully reaching people for Christ and development continues on the 46-acre Visionland. The part of the original vision of planting churches out of the San Pedro church has lagged, though one church has been established in Ramon Santana.



NOW is the time to pick up the church planting part of the original vision. Paula and I are returning to be part of planting "chapels" in areas where the current church cannot effectively reach. These churches will begin as extension "chapels" with the aid of the "mother" church. As the chapel grows and the Lord provides a pastor prepared in the Seminary/Bible Institute, that congregation will become an indigenous church to continue to reach their community for Christ. Several areas will be targeted to reproduce the process.



PRAYERS NEEDED:

1. For our move to the Dominican.
2. For God to prepare the "plentiful" harvest.
3. For the reaching and making of disciples in the new work.
4. That God would prepare pastors for the new churches.
5. For strength and wisdom and many years of service to lay a great foundation for church planting in San Pedro and other parts of the Dominican Republic.

Thank you so much for your faithful support and prayers in this new and exciting chapter of our lives and ministry.

Discipling the Nations.

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