



Happy New Year!

Nov.– Dec. 2025

the Johnsons
Dominican Republic

Major Milestones

In December, Holly and I had the joy of celebrating two very special milestones: 20 wonderfully blessed years of marriage and 20 years of serving as missionaries with Baptist International Missions. It's hard to believe how quickly the time has passed and how much the Lord has allowed us to experience along the way— a year and a half on deputation, a year of language school, four children, four church plants, a seminary started, and countless memories we will treasure for a lifetime. As we reflect on these years, our hearts are filled with gratitude and awe for the Lord's faithfulness and how far He has brought us. We have truly loved the journey and anticipate the next 20 years of His guidance, goodness, and grace in our lives, our family, and our ministry. Thank you for your prayers and faithful support!

Christ's Compassion at Christmas

Christmas is a truly special season here in the Dominican Republic, and we have found that hearts often seem more open to the Gospel during this time of year. Perhaps it is because the nation celebrates from November through January, but whatever the reason, the Christmas season provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect the love of Christ in tangible ways.

With that in mind, we have sought to center much of our Christmas ministry on demonstrating Christ's compassion. For many years, this has included providing food to families in need. This year, we were especially encouraged to see five different churches partner together in this outreach, allowing us to meet the needs of dozens of families, as well as minister to individuals at a local prison and rehabilitation center.

In addition, we had the privilege of hosting a special luncheon for local pastors, where we were able to bless them with a love offering and provide gifts for their children. We cherished every moment of these opportunities and pray that the Lord will use these simple gifts to bring encouragement, hope, and lasting fruit in the lives of all who received them.

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