

MISSION:DOMINICAN



Hales Family Happenings



December 2017

Jesse, Rebecca, Colton, Elisha & Lydia



New Deaf Ministry in Nagua

PRAISE...

- For a successful youth camp with several youth trusting Jesus for salvation.
- For the 12 new faces we got to meet at the Nagua church this visit.
- For the money that was provided for each of our churches to be able to do something special for the children this Christmas.

PRAY...

- For God's leadership as we make ministry plans for the coming year.
- For continued growth in the Nagua church and encouragement for the pastor's family.
- For more men to become an active part of the church in Loyola.

I put my bag on the table with the rest and waited my turn for the pat-down and weapons check. No, we weren't at an airport. We had just arrived at youth camp with 242 youth and some great youth leaders from our churches. I stood there very thankful for the tight security because I knew exactly why it was there. I was even more thankful for it by the end of the next day when I had lost count of how many fights had been broken up. There was a lot more that I was thankful for as well. I was thankful for the Rawlings Foundation who hosted us for free, allowing us to have this opportunity we otherwise would have never had. I was thankful for the hard work and love of our youth leaders and pastors who brought these youth out of some tough homes and neighborhoods and brought them together for an overnight Christ-focused breath of fresh air. Mostly I was thankful for God who touched hearts like only He can and brought several to salvation.

FAMILY UPDATE...

Holidays and celebrations on the mission field can be both a challenge and a blessing. A challenge because of the distance from family and familiar traditions. A blessing because of the opportunity to share in new traditions with new loved ones. One thing that remains the same is the opportunity to make unexpected memories, something we are good at. This last month we celebrated both Thanksgiving and Rebecca's birthday. My favorite memory from it all has to be the smile on her face when she opened the box with the half-melted ice cream birthday cake. It's a fail that will be laughed at for years to come.



Fun at Youth Camp



Rebecca's Melted Ice Cream Cake



Headed to Youth Camp

"serving through children's ministries in the Dominican Republic churches"

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