



# MISSION:DOMINICAN

## Hales Family Happenings



December 2013



Jesse, Rebecca & Colton Hales



Jesse with his Grammar class

### PRAISE...

- We have finished with our first Trimester.
- God opened the door for us to minister in a new and exciting way while here.
- We get to spend Christmas with Rebecca's family including her brother who is coming in from Russia.
- I (Jesse) have felt God reviving my spirit in a special way this last month.

### PRAY...

- That God will use us to strengthen and encourage the students here in our new role.
- That we will not forget any of our Spanish over the Christmas break but actually learn more.
- For Strength and encouragement for us.

It was one of those moments where God's presence was so real, so thick that I knew whatever happened in the next few minutes I would be able to remember it vividly the rest of my life. It was back when I was going to Bible College in Indiana. I was driving along a back road in the middle of a bunch of cornfields, just me and God. He spoke to my heart so clearly as I was praying that night and told me to ask Him for anything. I looked out the driver's window as countless corn stalks flew by, wiped the tears from my eyes and said, "I want the corn, however much corn is out there in those fields. Allow my life to influence that many souls for you." What came next made me pull over to the side of the road for a while for the tears that were blocking my vision. Not audible to my ears but just as clear as before without a second of delay I heard God speak to my heart, "I am faithful in my promises." 13 years later I can picture that moment in my mind like I was still sitting in that little dirty Mazda. I can feel the overwhelming weight of that moment flooding my heart as I talk about it for what I believe is the first time since then. God reminds me often that every person I've be able to lead to Christ or impact for Him in some significant way since that day is a piece of corn in His great harvest. I often wonder how many pieces of corn is that one corn going to reach and impact.

At the end of this trimester I was asked and voted in to be one of the 2 student chaplains here at school for the next trimester. I will be able to help shepherd, pray for, visit, encourage and strengthen the almost 60 other missionary families that will be here preparing to go into all the Spanish speaking world. I have become very aware these last several months that this school is much more of a battle field than I expected as the enemy tries to knock as many missionaries off the field as he can before they even get there. When I started praying and asking God what He wanted me to do with this ministry opportunity He once again reminded me of those Indiana cornfields. What an amazing opportunity to impact the harvest by standing beside other missionary families as they fight the good fight.

Thank you for praying for us and supporting us as we minister here in language school preparing for ministry in the Dominican Republic. Through your prayers and God's grace we have all three made it through our first trimester. Merry Christmas!



Rebecca and Colton with their Grammar Class

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