

MISSION:DOMINICAN



Hales Family Happenings



December 2015

Jesse, Rebecca, Colton & Elisha



Ismael and his family
stepping forward to pastor

PRAISE...

- God protected us while traveling this month (a few close calls reminded us of that).
- A godly man and his family have stepped forward and will be pastoring one of the churches that have been in need of a pastor for a long time now.
- After two rounds of both boys being sick it seems they are on the way to getting better.
- Our first "English Night" teachers' fellowship was a success.

PRAY...

- God would raise up more pastors and leaders in the areas where they are still needed in the Dominican churches

God is doing great things here, especially with the children's church that Rebecca has been trying to focus her attention on. When we first came here and started visiting the different children's services we met a very capable, well rounded teacher who was discouraged. She was not seeing the ministry grow like she knew it could and was having a hard time doing anything about it as she was trying to run the whole children's ministry for her church by herself. In this, Rebecca saw a great opportunity not only for a lasting friendship, but an open door to do the ministry God called us here to do.

With some encouragement, training, and answered prayers this ministry is seeing new life. Besides Rebecca, there are now a few other helpers involved which allows them to split the kids up in age groups. They are also utilizing a larger space which allows for more growth. A few Sundays ago they had triple the amount of kids from what they had been having in the beginning. There is a renewed vision and excitement for this children's church and that is partly why we are here.

TRIP TO GUATEMALA...

I (Jesse) was given the opportunity to go with one of our pastors to Guatemala for a Central American pastors' conference. My prayer for this trip was that I would get the opportunity to connect even more with our pastor while traveling together. We ended up rooming together with three other church leaders from neighboring Puerto Rico. This, along with the other pastors and missionaries that were there gave me the opportunity to connect better with not just one person, but many. It was a good time of reflection and encouragement for all of us. I was actually surprised at how many times I would be talking about ministry with our pastor or someone else and realize it was a needed conversation God had set up.



Elisha meets a hairdresser
for the first time



Follow this QR link to see how Colton says
"Christmas tree."

If you need to, you can type this link into your
internet browser to view the video.

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