



Pathway to Jesus—Caminito de Jesus

Greetings from the Dominican Republic in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

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FAMILY DAY

The beginning of November our school held its annual Family Day fundraiser. It was a fun-packed day that included: a garage sale, games for the kids, face painting, some good games of dominoes, lots of delicious food, and wonderful fellowship. The Parent's Association, administration and staff worked together to make this day a success. \$1,755 was raised for the school. Praise God!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

In December, once again the whole school participated in a Christmas program for the parents. The theme this year was "The True Meaning of Christmas". The program included: songs, interpretive dance, poems, and a drama by the 6th graders. A pastor was invited to give a message about the true meaning of Christmas. More than 500 people attended the program. Praise God for that!

STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY

In December, the staff had the opportunity to celebrate Christmas together. Gifts opened from their secret Santa, great food and wonderful fellowship were some of the highlights.

LOTS TO BE THANKFUL FOR

There is so much to be thankful for, too many things to even list them all here. But let me share a few of them with you:

We have a great staff (27 employees) that is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of the 277 students that are at our school

We are thankful for the 115 families that have committed to sponsoring children at our school

We are thankful for the continued support we receive from the different churches that support us

We are thankful for the 100 spanish kid's storybooks that were donated

We are thankful that we are one step closer to legally being the owners of the new piece of property

ILLIANA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

Illiana Christian High School is taking a group of students down to the Dominican Republic over their Spring Break to help the Pathway to Jesus School (March 25 – April 3). They will be given opportunities to build relationships with the people, to interact with the kids, and to work on some projects at the school. I am very excited that Mark and Sarah will be a part of this group. As of right now, I am planning to go as well. My doctor has already approved the trip, if my numbers look good at that time. I am above ecstatic about this opportunity. I look forward to seeing everyone again – our staff/students/parents, my church family, my friends and family. I also look forward to helping make this trip a memorable one for both the Illiana team and the people they will be ministering to.

GRANNIES ON A MISSION

Once again, the grannies on a mission team will be heading down to the DR as well. A group of 5 ladies will travel with me a few days prior to the Illiana team. They will be able to help me with any last minute preparations that need to be done. There will be some work for them to do at the school. Their trip will overlap a few days with the Illiana team, so they will have the opportunity to work alongside them on some projects as well. We are excited they are going. They will be a true blessing to the kids and the staff.

MY HEALTH UPDATE

I continue to plug through my chemo treatments. I have 7 more cycles to get through. Each cycle is one month long. I usually start each cycle off strong, with my numbers being really good. Then as the cycle progresses my numbers start to fluctuate and normally go down because of the amount of chemo my body has received. When my numbers are low, I usually get tired more quickly. But overall, I am doing good.

Once these 7 cycles have been completed, the doctors will run all the tests again, including a biopsy, so they can determine what my maintenance will look like. That is when we will determine what our next step will be as a family. Please continue to pray for my health. Pray that I will be strong enough to go on the mission trip. Pray for wisdom as big decisions will need to be made in the future.

Prayer Requests

Pray for the staff at the school as they work through this second semester

Pray that God would continue to meet all our needs at the school – physically, financially, spiritually

Pray for the preparations for the Illiana Mission trip and the Grannies on a Mission trip.

Pray that the students and families at the school would experience Christ in a special way and would be able to feel His love through our staff

Pray that God would be glorified in everything we do

Donations to Pathway to Jesus—Pathway to Jesus, Peace Christian Ref Church, 833 E 168th Street, South Holland, IL 60473

Shelley's links:

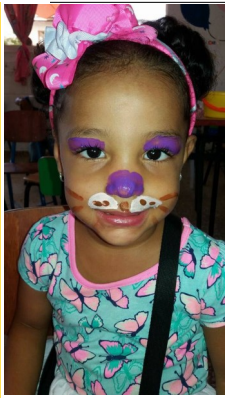
Updates on Health Caringbridge.org— Member Name Shelley Hernandez

Meals, transportation, visits—Lotsahelpinghands.com Community Name - Shelley Hernandez , Zip Code 60473

Donations to Medical Fund—Peace CRC, 833 E 168th St., South Holland, IL 60473 Attn: Shelley Medical

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Family Day Fun!



Christmas Program & Celebrating Juan Pable Duarte

