



## *Pathway to Jesus—Caminito de Jesus Santiago, Dominican Republic*

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

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### **Virtual Learning**

It has been a long 5 months of teaching via distant learning, yet I am amazed at what we have been able to accomplish in those 5 months. Our teachers continue to teach via Zoom calls and posting assignments on Google Classroom. For the last two months we have worked hard to promote Reading. Within each grade level students have been broken into smaller groups based on their level and teachers have been working to help every student grow in this area.

The government and educational leaders of the country are in the process of opening schools again for in-person learning based on COVID numbers. Forty-eight municipals have been given the green light to start back up in-person. Unfortunately, Santiago (where our school is located) isn't allowed to open just yet because of the percentage of COVID cases still present in that region.

Lord willing our current plan is to finish this school year remotely, doing our best to help each student succeed, and then start fresh next school year. We praise God for His faithfulness to us and for his continued help on this crazy journey.

### **Parent-teacher conferences**

God has been good to us by providing parents who for the most part have been supportive throughout this whole process. We held in-person parent-teacher conferences at the end of March with several goals in mind. First, we wanted to have a personal connection with the parents to show them directly our interest in helping their child succeed, while at the same time provide the support they need. Second, we took the opportunity to share the progress of the students with their parents, highlighting strengths and positive aspects, and communicating areas that could improve. Finally, it gave us the opportunity to share the message of hope, reminding them that Jesus is our hope and explaining why we celebrate Holy Week (Easter) which happened to fall the week after conferences. Out of 247 students, only thirteen parents didn't show up to participate in their child's conference. Praise God for that!

### **COVID Vaccinations**

We praise God that he provided our staff the opportunity to receive the COVID vaccination. On March 18, they received the first dose. We hope they will be able to receive the second dose soon.

### **Special Celebrations**

Independence Day – Independence Day in the Dominican Republic is celebrated on February 27. As a school our students always participate in a special program, and even a parade around the community. Because of COVID and remote learning our students weren't able to participate in a program this year. So, our staff organized a program where they presented different aspects that should be remembered and celebrated about this special day. They recorded the program and sent it to all the students. It is great to see our whole staff get involved in the education of our students.

International Women's Day – On March 8, we celebrated the 21 special women that are a part of our staff. They were presented with a special gift and were given a buffet breakfast as well. The three men that are on staff organized the reading of some poems, scriptures, and said a prayer of gratitude for these ladies. We praise God for our whole staff and for how God continues to use each one of them to minister at Pathway to Jesus.

### **THE HERNANDEZ FAMILY**

**SHELLEY** – I was finally able to get my scans done and everything continues to look good. Because the chemo pill causes my immune system's defenses to be low, my doctor has decided to change my chemo treatment schedule. I will take the chemo pill now for two weeks and then be off it for two weeks. They will monitor this to see if this is a good fit for me.

**SARAH** – Her body has responded well to the Lupus medication so that is a huge praise. She will need to be on this medication indefinitely, but we are thankful she has been able to adjust to all of this. In January she was finally able to have her ACL surgery. The surgery went very well and now she is working hard in PT so that hopefully she can be back on the volleyball court next school year (her Senior year).

**MARK** – He is one step closer to knowing what he will do. He is interested in participating in the automotive technology program at Universal Technical Institute. He is presently in the process of applying there. He is excited about this and if it is God's will we trust He will open that door.

### End of the 2020-2021 School Year Giving

We praise God for everyone who gave a donation at the end of 2020 to help us meet our budget at that time. We received a good response to our campaign, and we thank you for your gifts. Once again God showed His faithfulness in providing for our needs.

We continue to trust that God is in control of everything and that He will provide what is needed to finish this school year without a deficit and will help us start raising the funds needed for next school year. **We need \$4,000 yet this school year to meet our budget. We also would like to raise an additional \$10,000 to help with the beginning months of the 2021-2022 school year.**

Will you please consider giving a donation to the Pathway to Jesus school? Anything raised over the \$4,000 will automatically go towards the new school year.

Gifts can be made by mailing a check, payable to Reconciliation Church (memo: Pathway to Jesus), to: Pathway to Jesus c/o Reconciliation Church 833 E. 168th Street South Holland, IL 60473

Gifts can also be made via the following Pay Pal link in the opening email or on our Facebook page Pathway to Jesus.

### Prayer Requests

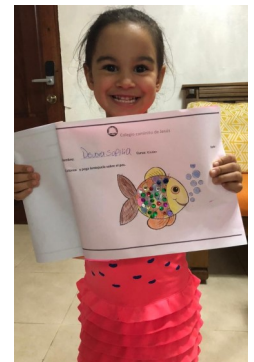
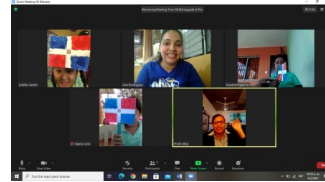
Praise God his faithful love endures forever! Praise God for the wonderful things He continues to do at the Pathway to Jesus school!

Pray that God will continue to give us the wisdom we need as big decisions are being made.

Praise God for the great turn out we had at parent-teacher conferences.

Pray for the government and educational leaders as they try to find the most effective ways to transition back to in-person classes.

Pray that the students and their families will recognize their need for Christ in their lives.



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