

## DAILY PRAYER REQUESTS FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TEAM

Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> - Matt and Jenn Henderson, Team Leaders, travel to D.R. today ahead of the rest of the group to make preparations for the team. Pray for continued preparation of their hearts as they enter into this very demanding roll over the next two weeks. Pray for spiritual strength as the level of spiritual warfare intensifies. Pray for open communication and mutual submission to one another in their marriage as they enter into this exciting, but extremely intense time. Pray for renewal of relationships and sensitivity to hear the heart cries and victories of missionaries Rob and Melissa Dunn, our hosts at the MGM Retreat Center. Pray for time of sharing with Eliezer, who facilitates our partnership with the Children Center and the village of La Higuera. He serves many roles, including financial and facilities administration, project planning and communication liaison to the pastors and needy families in the village. He is also our main translator and invaluable helper during our week “in country”. Pray that Matt can gain a better understanding of his progress in ministry and needs.

Monday February 1<sup>st</sup> - First day in the village of La Higuera for Matt and Jenn - Assessment and preparation continues. Pray that their visit with Pastora Lydia, administrator to the Children Center will give insight into what additional small work projects need to be done. Pray for wisdom and discernment to understand how the work of caring for and teaching pre-school children is going and how she is doing. Pray for Jenn as she draws on the Lord’s wisdom and nursing skills to assess the current medical needs and gets the word out through flyers of the coming Medical Clinics which will be happening next week.

Tuesday February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Preparation for the team continues, including ordering building materials, coordinating with churches and villages regarding church services and sites for showing Jesus Film or other outreach video. Pray that God will prepare hearts to receive the saving message of Christ. Pray for wisdom for Matt as he finalizes the plan for the work team and contacts “locals” who will assist in the work. Pray that these men will be impacted and encouraged through interaction with the team.

Wednesday February 3<sup>rd</sup> - Henry and Susan Hart and Dennis Morris travel today ahead of the other team members to make preparations for team outreach ministries. Pray for travelling mercies and strength as well as heart preparation for the work ahead. Pray for this “advance team” as they continue lining up materials and translators and as they finalize arrangements for evening church services and outreaches.

Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup> - First full day in La Higuera for Dennis, Susan and Henry - Pray that they are able to meet with each of the pastors of the seven churches that Henry met during his trip last August. Pray that they can arrange VBS in some of these churches and can begin to identify who will be open to partner with us in our door – to – door outreach. Pray for Susan as she meets with ladies of the churches in the village to make preparation for women’s ministry. Pray for sensitivity to the needs of the pastors and other believers and for wisdom in determining how best to facilitate the partnering of the local churches with the team as they seek to work together to express the love of Christ and to unveil His glory in this community.

Friday February 5<sup>th</sup> - Last full day of preparation before the rest of the team arrives. Pray that the “advance team” can participate in 6:00 AM prayer meeting with believers in La Higuera as they unite in earnest prayer for the Lord to cleanse and fill them with Holy Spirit power for the work ahead. Pray for continued preparation of the hearts of villagers to receive the message of Christ. Pray for victory through the power of Christ in the hearts of men women and children under the influence of Voodoo which is so prevalent in this village. Even some within the churches are still allowing it to have place in their lives. We, like them, need to rid our lives of things that compromise our faith.

Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup> - The rest of the 50+ member team arrives!  
Itinerary is: Depart Pittsburgh 7 am; Arrive Charlotte NC 8:39 am; Leave Charlotte 9:55 am; Arrive Punta Cana D.R. 2:22 pm; Pack truck with luggage and travel by bus west to Hato Mayor. Arrive at the MGM Retreat Center at approximately 4:30 pm. Pray that the travel time, will be used to focus hearts on what God wants to do in and through each team member and the group as a whole. Pray that friendships will

continue to be strengthened among team members. Team members represent over 9 churches and come from various parts of Western Pa, New York, Kansas and Florida.

Sunday February 7th - Pray for quick recovery from travel. Pray for part of the team that will go to the Haitian village, La Higuera, to pray walk/drive around the village to prepare for the week of ministry and to survey the work site to finalize the work plan. Pray for sorting of medical supplies, clothing and other materials as well as adjustment to the weather and for team interaction.

Daily Schedule: 6:30 am Wake up Call; 7:00 am Group Morning Devotion (Sunrise); 7:45 am Breakfast; 8:30 am Depart for Worksite, Medical Clinic, or Door to Door; 12 noon Lunch at Worksite; 1:00 pm Return to Work; 3:00 pm Return to Retreat Center; 6:00 Dinner; 6:45 pm depart for Church in town or Jesus video in a village; 9:00 pm Return to Retreat Center, journal and relax; 11:00 pm lights out.

Monday February 8th – Initial work day in the village Water Filtration Prep Work Begins, Roof installation begins- Pray that our hearts would open to the people and that they would adjust to the potential frustrations of the language barriers and trying to get everyone engaged in the various ministries. Pray that the materials and tools would be adequate for the work that is planned. Pray for the beginning (and in some cases renewing) of relationships with the children in the Center and in the rest of the village, that they see the love of Christ in us. Pray for door to door evangelism teams (comprised of team members and believers from churches in the village), as they begin to visit homes in the village that there would be open doors to share. Pray for the Medical team as they visit people who, because of their condition, will not be able to come to the Medical Clinic. Pray for health of the team as they are exposed to tropical diseases. Pray for the start of VBS (hopefully in several churches at the same time) that the message of God's love would come through clearly. Pray for the start the women's ministry that the spiritual theme would make an impact on the ladies and that relationships would be established.

Tuesday February 9th – Construction, VBS, Women's Ministry continue, Medical clinic begins. Pray that they finalize the prep work for the Water Filtration System today, along with the roofs, with a spirit of unity and cooperation and without injuries. Pray that children would respond to the love of Christ as expressed in the lesson and the joyful faces of the workers. Pray that women would be even more excited about the Word of God than the skills they learn. Pray for the door-to-door evangelism teams as they continue visiting homes in the village that they would be prepared for spiritual warfare. Pray for the start of the medical clinics, that it would be well organized and for wisdom to diagnose and adequate medication and treatment to handle the physical concerns. Pray for compassion and love to be expressed by all the workers. Pray for the evangelism station at the end of the treatment line, that those who have just had their physical needs cared for would be open to dealing with their spiritual needs. Pray for discernment and wisdom for those presenting the Gospel. Pray that they keep good records so that follow-up can take place.

Wednesday February 10th – Water Filtration System installation begins, VBS, Women's Ministry and Medical clinic continue. Pray that the water system will go smoothly with all materials needed in hand. Pray that some of crew will feel free to rotate into other ministry areas. Pray for the second day of clinic, that may be in a nearby village. Pray for the children in VBS at various locations, especially those who do not attend the Children Center, that the message of the Gospel will touch their hearts and that they will respond. Pray for the women's ministry there would be sharing of lives and ministering to souls. Pray that the door – to – door evangelism cooperative teams would be sharing the message of Christ in the love and power of Holy Spirit and pray that families would be reached for Christ. Pray for the evening church service in Hato Mayor at one of the evangelical churches, that it would be a mutually encouraging time and glorifying to the Lord.

Thursday February 11th – Prison Ministry Day. Construction, VBS, Women's Ministry and Medical Clinic continue. Pray for part of the team as they go to a Dominican prison, bringing food, music and the love of Christ to inmates who are there living in deplorable conditions. Last year's team visited the women's side – may be able to also visit the men's side this year. Construction work shifts to painting. Pray for endurance of the workers as fatigue and homesickness may be setting in for some. Pray that they will continue to shine the love of Christ wherever they minister. Pray for interpersonal relationships which can

become strained at this stage of the week. Pray for the possible showing of the Jesus Film in a near-by village and for response to the message.

Friday February 12<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Construction, VBS, and Women’s Ministry, Worship in La Higuera with our team and congregations from seven churches in the village - Pray for testing and initial production of the water filtration system that all will go well and that it will meet its intended purpose of providing clean water for the Children’s Center and other villagers and to eventually enable the Center to support itself financially. Pray that the Center, now completed will continue to bring honor to Christ as children are taught, cared for and loved by His servants. Pray that those going door-to-door would be loving and bold witnesses for Christ. Pray that some who have come along praying and observing would feel the freedom to present the Gospel. Pray that logistics for the worship service will work out (sound, lighting, location, electricity, etc. Pray for Holy Spirit presence and power through the worship in Spanish Creole and English. Pray that the message brought by one of the team members would be an encouragement and challenge to the believers. Pray that Christ would be lifted up and that the lost would be converted to Christ.

Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> – Packing, Sharing, Good-bys, and Trip home - Pray for the sharing time among the team that each member will recognize the way God has worked in their lives and how He wants to use them as they return with a new perspective. Pray for safety and good connections as they make the return trip to Pittsburgh. Pray that the team members would begin to process how this trip will change their lives and how they will be able to use this experience as a catalyst for a lifetime living God-sized dreams.

Itinerary – Depart Punta Cana 5:25 pm; Arrive Charlotte, NC 8:00 pm; Depart Charlotte, NC 10:15 pm; Arrive Pittsburgh 11:30 pm.

Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine’s Day! Matt and Jenn Henderson, Dennis Morris and Henry and Susan Hart say good-bye to friends in the DR and head back – They would have had to spend about \$400 more each to travel back with the team)