

## A Different Start

**Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, James: 1: 2**

This year, 2013, had a different start to it than others in the past. I stayed in Florida recovering from brain surgery ( pictured below ) which I had December 19, 2012, to help with the condition I have, Hydrocephalus. Tina returned on New Year's Day to reopen the medical clinics and continue helping the poor people. Thanks to the Lord I was able to return January 16, one month after brain surgery to the Dominican Republic. So far, the surgery looks to be a success as I am recovering well.

Through the whole situation we have felt God's hand upon us and also the prayers of His people. Going into surgery we felt total peace knowing that we are covered by the healing hands of our Savior Jesus. After surgery, the first few weeks were painful but again we always felt God's presence and the prayers of His people. I was able to spend the holidays with my family for the first time in 5 years and felt very blessed to do so. We are very blessed to have a great family and great friends.

I want to share what God has shown and taught me through this trial. **First**, that life here on earth is fragile

and can change at any time. That we need God more than we will ever know and that He is always there for us.

**Second**, I learned to a deeper level how much God loves us. I have felt and still feel the power of prayer and the power of love through God's loving people. **Third**, God showed me what a great family and friends He has given me. The support I received was amazing! **Lastly**, God confirmed what I already knew, that I have the best wife that God could give me. She is and was so strong despite the difficulties. She has taken care of me with prayer and loving hands. I know that it was not easy for her but I also witnessed her relying on God's strength and His word.

I want to say thank you to everyone who has and is praying for us. We need those prayers more than you know. Your commitment to us and the ministry we carry out here on the North Coast of the Dominican Republic is changing and blessing lives!!! **THANK YOU!**



## Receiving Helping Hands

On February 26, 2013 Pedro and Tania Delvalle made the move to the Dominican Republic to work and minister with us full - time. We are blessed to receive them as they are an answer to prayer, a prayer we have been praying for 3 years. They are both fluent in Spanish and have huge hearts for serving the Lord. They will help us with the two clinics and with running teams. Their commitment is for one year presently. Please include them in your prayers for our ministry. Like us, they have left their family, friends, and jobs to follow God's calling on their lives.



## Medical Clinics Update

As we continue our work in the medical clinics of Esperanza and Paraiso in 2013 we are seeing more patients than ever before. People are coming from everywhere to look for help, patients who have the common cold to people needing surgeries for various things including cancer. We need to share with all of you that we need your support and prayers, as medical ministry is very difficult. God is giving us the strength and we feel your prayers, please continue! One difficult case we have is Elizabeth ( pictured right ) who is 3 years old and has Psoriasis, Dermatitis, and various other skin problems. We have been working with her mother and a Dermatologist to help her for over a year now. There is no cure for her outside of a miracle performed by God. All we are able to do is try to control her disease with vitamins, lotions, shampoos and liquid medicines. Some days she is getting better and then others she is not -no way for a beautiful little 3 year old girl to live. The contrast is unsettling, when we see her and she looks good, our lives are lit up with her presence, but when we see her and she is having a flare up we are sad and frustrated.....ugggg! Weird huh? We want only the best for our patients and in this ministry we are regularly reminded that we are only human and can do only so much-God has to do the rest. We trust Him completely that He knows what He is doing and it is all for His glory!



### Prayer Requests :

- 1) Pray for sponsorship for the clinics – we need advocates back home !  
**Please consider doing a fundraiser for the medical clinics of Paraiso and/or Esperanza.**
- 2) Pray that the Lord continues to bless us with protection, good health and strength.
- 3) Pray for lost souls – that the light of Christ would shine through a dark and hopeless view.

◇ Just as a note: We will be in the States from April 10 to April 30 on furlough.



**Willing Servant Ministries** is a non-profit tax-exempt Christian organization established by and for Rob and Tina Iannone to carry out the mission that God has called us to in the Dominican Republic. We will be working to further the gospel and help those in need physically, mentally and spiritually. We are able to continue to touch lives for Christ because of **Faithful Supporters** who generously give to further the Good News! Thank you for your love and support in the past and for the days to come. May God richly bless you!!

Then I heard a voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”  
And I said, “Here am I Lord. Send me!” - Isaiah 6:8

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