

Where God Leads, It's Amazing!

There is a family that came on hard times as many do here, a husband, wife and five beautiful children. They had been renting a house for about 2 years when the husband lost his job and they were not able to pay the rent for about 6 months. We met the wife, Isabel, and 4 of her 5 children at a small church near Redemption called "Dios Provee-"God Provides". We did not know the oldest son or the husband because they were not Christians attending church. One day a friend of mine, Jose, told me about Isabel and how the landlord wants her to leave the house immediately. My question was " what can I do?" At first, God did not move me to do anything but pray about Isabel's situation. About a week later Tina and I were driving past Isabel's house and we saw her doing laundry outside and we stopped to greet her. This is when Isabel told me that she was given 5 days to leave the house or their belongings would be put on the street. Again, I was hesitant to get involved but I was praying and asking God what can we do? It was about 2 days later when God prompted me to talk to a man about getting this family a house where The Samaritan Foundation is building homes. The man phoned me later to tell me he had heard that Isabel's husband (Hector) beats her and their son (William) might be involved with drugs. I was shocked when I heard his words and because of these things they were not able to get a house unless I was willing to vouch for the family and make a commitment to check in on them regularly. WOW!! I was not prepared for that. That would be a huge responsibility. So I decided to talk to Hector and Isabel directly about these allegations. This would be difficult because I had never met Hector before and now I was going to ask him if he beats his



wife and if his oldest son dealt in drugs!!! HOW CAN I DO THAT? ! I took a translator with me for this one and on the way we stopped and prayed asking God to grant us favor and wisdom to discern the truth in this difficult situation. We all sat down and I did what I do best, just came out and asked my questions bluntly. They assured us that none of it was true and Hector asked us for the opportunity to prove all that was being said about his family was wrong. In my heart I felt this was a good and deserving family and most of all I wanted this to be an opportunity for Hector and his son to see God at work, a healing so to speak. So, I vouched for the family and took on the responsibility of looking in on them regularly. Three days later they moved into their new house and the family was overjoyed. What I did not know is that many people had been fasting and praying for Isabel and her family to be blessed with a home. God answers prayer and He does it through His people. A few weeks later, on a Friday night, Tina and I were invited to Isabel's new home for a dedication to the Lord service. There were about 25 people there in this small house and by candlelight we praised God, sang songs and dedicated the family and the home to God. It is a custom to give a word of blessing in these services and when Hector and William, the husband and oldest son, gave their word they were thanking God and testifying that this experience has brought them closer to the Lord. God is good all the time!! When we let God move our hearts things always work out miraculously and wonderfully according to His will.

Rosemary

" I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. "

Rosemary is a 6 year old girl who lives in Villa Betania. She was riding with her father and aunt on his motorcycle and got her right ankle in the spokes of the rear tire while riding in town. It was a very severe wound, skin and flesh cut out to the bone and tendons. She spent the next 8 days in the public hospital with her foot wrapped up and not getting much care. Her flesh was rotting inside the bandage so her mother took her out of the hospital to a private clinic to get it cleaned and she then took her home. When Tina heard of Rosemary being home she went to see how she was doing and what she found was awful. Two days later we took Rosemary to see a missionary named Dr. Bob that has a medical clinic here. When he saw the wound he immediately asked if we could bring her there everyday for a week to clean and dress the foot. After 4 days we could see that although the salve and cleanings were helping, she needed more specific attention. We took her to two different hospitals and she is now going every Friday to the Children's Hospital in Santiago (two hours away by bus) for a dressing change and recasting. This week we borrowed some crutches for her so that maybe she can return to school next week – Rosemary will eventually need a skin graft for the wound site and we ask that you continue to pray with us that she will stay infection and pain free through the long recovery period. Thank you to all of you that have been praying for her, I tell her about you and she is excited to be loved by people she's never met.



Adventure Trip To Nagua

We had 2 tropical storms recently here in the Dominican Republic, tropical storm Noel and Olga. This brought a lot of rain and flooding in certain parts of the Dominican Republic. On a Wednesday afternoon, a couple of days after tropical storm Olga, Tina and I decided to go visit some missionary friends in Nagua, about 2 hours drive from where we live in Sosua. We were about 15 minutes away from Nagua when we came across the police and military blocking the road. We thought that the road was flooded and we would have to go back but they just let us right through, so we thought it would be safe. Well, as we moved forward the road disappeared as it was about 3 or 4 feet under water and the water was rushing at us like a raging river at about 10 or 15 mph. There was water everywhere we could see, no dry land around us. Tina and I started to pray and ask God to carry us through as it seemed we were in one of those T.V. shows where the people get swept away and they end up on the top of their car or in a tree. Well, God carried us through and we made it to Nagua. This was just another case of God and His love for us, protecting us in everything we do!!!!!!



Points of Interest : 1) We are still looking for a good curriculum to teach English 2) Please pray for the flood victims who lost their homes here in the Dominican Republic. Also many Dominican farmers lost their rice crops, twice, once after Tropical Storm Noel and also after Tropical Storm Olga. 3) Although we missed our family at Christmas we still had a blessed time spending it with 2 families here in the DR. We had Mexican food and while it was different, it was delicious. The best food though was Tina's cookies. Yum Yum !!!!!!!!



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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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