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# *The Sidler Family*

## *Serving Christ in the Dominican Republic*

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Dear Pastor and Church family:

September 29, 2023

God bless you and thank you for your prayers and for many who sent a special offering to help us with our camp this year on July 31-August 3, 2023. The Lord gave us the highest attended camp we ever had with 319 present. We also rejoice for the great decisions made this year with 35 saved, 16 baptized, 25 called to serve the Lord full-time, and 35 who came forward and said that God had called them before, but they wanted the Lord and everyone to know that they were still going that direction with their lives.

I mentioned at camp that there are some people who frown upon and criticize the fact that we challenge folks with God's call at camp. I also mentioned what Jesus said in Matthew 9:36-38 - "But when Jesus saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." If Jesus asked us to pray for laborers, we believe He is answering those prayers in calling those laborers. We believe that God is calling Dominican men and women to serve Him full-time to start gospel preaching churches all over the world. One of the ladies at camp came up to me after we saw God call a new harvest of laborers at camp this year. She said - "Pastor, please don't feel bad about putting a strong emphasis on God's call. Eight years ago (she continued), you challenged us that the Pastors and Missionaries need good wives to be able to serve alongside of them in God's harvest. I went forward that night, eight years ago, and told the Lord that I would like to marry a pastor. Two weeks later I met Jeffry Polanco. And now Jeffry and I are serving the Lord here in the Dominican Republic as missionaries." Praise the Lord!

The Lord provided for us to have a smaller 16 passenger van, in addition to the school bus we also purchased this year. This has made it much easier, as our bus is not able to go into as many neighborhoods as before, since the community is growing, and the roads are getting more and more narrow. Please pray for our Church Anniversary coming up on October 22. The theme of our anniversary and for the next year will be "Teaching Others Also". (2 Timothy 2:2). Thank you for being our friends and fellow laborers. God bless you!

*Your friends and servants in the Dominican Republic,  
Missionaries Steve and Nohemy Sidler*