

THE WESSON FAMILY

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Dear Praying Friends,

We are deeply grateful for your prayers as our family traveled over the summer, visiting our supporting churches and preparing for Kimberly and Ethan's wedding. Their ceremony was beautiful and heartfelt, and we were truly blessed to be surrounded by so many family members, friends, and missionaries who made the trip to share in their special day. Your love and generosity, expressed through your gifts and kind words, meant so much to us—thank you.



Upon our return to the field, we quickly immersed ourselves in the summer activities. We arrived during the week of camp and headed there the next day. What a joy it was to reunite with the Deaf there after being away for a couple of months. They had a wonderful week and we send you their deepest thanks and appreciation to those who gave sacrificially, enabling them to attend.



Following camp, we traveled to Nagua, located on the north shore of the Dominican Republic. It was a joy to minister alongside Jeffri and Pamela Polanco and to assist

with their Vacation Bible School. We were especially blessed to have Stephen back in the country during that time. He, along with Francisco, Ashlyn, Katlyn, and the other dedicated workers, did a tremendous job teaching the children and running the program. We thank the Lord for the opportunity to invest in these precious children and spend time with the Polanco family.

As we finished up the summer activities, we were involved with yet another wedding of a young couple—Richard and Stacy Mendez. Richard was reached as a 14-year-old young man under my husband's ministry. At 25 years old, he has grown into a faithful servant of the Lord and now leads in the children's ministry under Pastor Steve Sidler. When Josh passed away, we joined Bro. Sidler's ministry and began establishing a Deaf ministry. Stacy was our very first Deaf convert—accepting Christ as a fifteen year old girl. Despite facing many challenges, Stacy has remained faithful to the Lord. This past Monday, she and Richard were married.



I am reminded of John 15:16 where Christ mentions "*fruit that remains*". We thank the Lord for this fruit that "remains" from my husband's ministry and for the fruit He has given at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. We thank you for your investment in these precious lives and praise the Lord for the fruit He continues to give.

As I close, I ask for your prayers for wisdom and guidance. Most of our Deaf are between the ages of 18 and 28, and like Stacy and Richard, they are making important life decisions. As I spend countless hours listening to and counseling them, I need the Lord's grace and guidance for this important work. Thank you for your faithfulness to pray for and give financially for this ministry.

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