



*The Sidlers*  
*Serving Christ in the Dominican Republic*  
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May 18, 2012

Dear Praying Friends,

We send you warm greetings from the Dominican Republic. The atmosphere in the country is quite tense at the moment as the Dominican's will be voting for their new president this Sunday. The ladies vote in the morning, and the men vote in the afternoon. There is a 6:00 p.m. curfew after that to avoid any violent protests if the election does not result agreeably to certain people.

I mentioned a man several years ago named Guillermo. I mentioned that he was a man from our church who had diabetes. Here when you have problems in your body the doctors are much quicker to decide just to cut your leg off. Guillermo was supposed to keep a strict diet because of his illness, but he usually had to eat whatever was available. Most of the folks from our church are poor and many have problems with rats in their homes. One of the favorite places for the rats to live is in a nest that they make in the mattress of your bed. At night you have to keep yourself covered up or the rats will blow on our feet to numb them, and then chew on your feet while you are sleeping. (If you are planning a trip to the Dominican Republic, you would not experience this, as it is something that usually happens in the poorer homes with folks who have dirt floors and other similar conditions.) Guillermo was especially susceptible to this problem because he had little feeling in his legs because of his diabetes. After ten years of struggling with his sickness, and losing his legs, Guillermo went home to be with the Lord last Sunday. Please pray for his wife Yudelka and their daughters.

We are trying to get a more reliable vehicle for my wife so that she will not be in danger if she were to break down. Our vehicle has been having quite a few problems lately. On the way to church on Sunday my wife asked me if we could get the air-conditioning fixed, and I answered her, “I think the engine will probably go before we have a chance to fix the air.” We have taken very good care of our vehicle which was purchased new here, a 2003 Kia Sportage. As we arrived at the toll booth close to our church, surprisingly, black smoke started coming out of the engine, and I found out on Tuesday that the engine had given up the ghost. Now we are praying that the Lord would provide \$1500 to put a used engine in it. I would like to use the vehicle for me to drive, but I really couldn't even sell it for anything more than a couple hundred dollars with the engine gone. Please pray that the Lord would provide.

We have seen a good number saved and baptized since our last letter and areas of growth in our church. It was exciting this semester to see three new men, Armando, Porfirio, and Nelson, from our church studying in our Bible Institute, and another man, Pierre, from another missionary's church. Please pray for our upcoming summer activities – our Summer Family Camp, our Youth Conference, Vacation Bible School, and special summer Bible Institute classes with some pastors coming in from the states. God bless you and thank you for being our friends.

Sincerely in Christ,

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