



THE PRATER FAMILY

Missionaries to the Dominican Republic

April - May 2020

Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28). I am so glad that we do not have to question the motives or plans that God has for our lives. We live life on a day to day basis, but God sees the bigger picture. He knows the end from the beginning. His ways are higher than our ways, His thoughts are higher than our thoughts, and He does all things well. These past two months have been the most unusual since the time that we first began deputation, but we have seen God working in the midst of them. The Lord helped our family through a difficult time when Brittany went through a miscarriage with our fifth baby boy, Simon Lynn Prater, on Easter Sunday morning. The miscarriage was due to an infection in the womb, and we are so thankful that God gave us comfort and peace that passeth all understanding. God’s timings are perfect, and He knows exactly what is going to happen before it happens as well as what we need before we ever even ask. God provided a way for us to have the time to heal. Because of the COVID-19, most of our meetings have been canceled these past two months. The Lord prepared in advance a way for our family to find grace and strength during this slow-down period of our deputation.

God is so good, merciful, and compassionate! Though we might not always understand why, we know that we can always trust Him to do what is best. God has shown us through the midst of it all that the same comfort He used to comfort us is the same comfort that we can use to now comfort others that might be going through a similar situation (II Corinthians 1:4). Throughout our slow-down period, we have used the extra time to our advantage in preparing us for the field. We have been practicing our Spanish more, preparing our house for selling, and planning for our soon transition! In the month of April, I was able to participate in an online Missions Conference that was hosted by our Missions Agency. It was a blessing to be able to strengthen the burden for missions to Christians across the world. The Lord has also opened up a door of opportunity for us to already begin ministering in the Dominican Republic while we are still on deputation! I have been able to join in a virtual Bible Study on Friday nights with fellow Dominican Christians. Lord willing, I will be preaching a Sunday morning sermon online for New Life Baptist Church in Santo Domingo in a few weeks as well. We are currently at 63% in our support levels and are excited about what the Lord is doing. Thank you all so much for your continued support and prayers. You are continually in our prayers. We love you and praise God for you all.

In Jesus’ Name,

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