



# THE PRATER FAMILY

## *Missionaries to the Dominican Republic*

June - July 2020

Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

Thank you so much for your prayers for our family. We see the evidence of answered prayers in our lives continually. The Lord has been working on our behalf even in the midst of the COVID-19. Our schedule has been opening back up, God has been working in our Church services, and we have been gaining support throughout. Our support levels are currently at 71%! We praise the Lord for what he has done! We had mentioned previously in our last prayer letter how that the Lord had opened a door of opportunity for us to already begin ministering in the Dominican Republic. Our Friday night Bible studies through the book of Revelation with New Life Baptist Church in Santo Domingo have been a tremendous blessing, and the Lord promises a blessing to those who read, hear, and keep the words which are written therein (Rev. 1:3). I appreciate Missionary Ronnie Autrey for allowing me the opportunity to have a part in those Bible studies. On 7/5/20, the Lord also provided an opportunity to preach a Sunday morning service in the Dominican Republic as well via Livestream. These opportunities of ministry that God has provided have stoked the fire on our passion, zeal, and desire to be in the Dominican Republic reaching the people that the Lord has called us to! We have already began working on our children's passports as well as our permanent residency visa paperwork. Please pray that our documents are not hindered while being processed.

We would also like to make mention of a recent transition that has taken place at our home Church in Abingdon, VA. Through many weeks of prayer and fasting, Brother Bryan Treadway has been shown through the Word of God that his time as the Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church has come to an end. He has not left the Church on unfavorable terms or in a bad financial position. Emmanuel Baptist Church is in a better position spiritually, financially, and in ministry service to the Lord than when Brother Treadway first came to Emmanuel. I thank the Lord for the Pastor that he has been to me and my family through the years; a shepherd that the Lord knew we needed. Brother Treadway is not disqualified by the standards of a Bishop but is merely following the Lord's will for him and his family. During the Sunday morning service of 7/19/20, Emmanuel Baptist Church voted unanimously to have Pastor Kevin Rogerson of West Columbia, SC as our new Pastor. The evening service of 7/19/20 was the Treadway family's final service and send-off at Emmanuel Baptist Church. We praise the Lord that God allowed a smooth transition, and not one day went by that Emmanuel did not have a Pastor. We appreciate the love and labor Brother Treadway and Sister LeAnne have shown our family and home Church throughout these past 13 years. Thank you all so much for your continued prayers and support. You are continually in our prayers. We love you and praise God for you all.

In Jesus' Name,

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