

Rivas family, Community work, Buenos Aires school, God prevails, Praises & Opportunities, New Board member, Contributions

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Community work in Buenos Aires

Community work is completed in Buenos Aires supported by a special contribution to help with community projects.



Praises and Opportunities

Praise & Prayer

For the work and dedication of Alberto, the entire ministry team, their families, and the school teachers and staff.



Buenos Aires school

The 2017/2018 school year is off to a great start, following great challenges from changes in leadership and meeting additional regulations from the Ministry of Education in the DR. Alberto and the DR Board faced the decision of adding the sixth grade or eliminating the fourth and fifth grades to meet requirements. Adding a grade created a significant financial need. However, the dilemma of no longer providing fourth and fifth grade was a great burden for the impact on those students who would not have the opportunity to attend school. After much prayer, the decision was made to add the sixth grade. God has provided

Alberto, Abigail, Jonathan, & Yunior

Alberto, along with his children, Abigail and Jonathan welcomed a new family member, Yunior. Sadly, Alberto's sister, Aricelis, 32 years old, passed away from health issues. She left five children, ranging in ages from 5-17. Alberto became the father guardian of one son, Yunior who is 10 years old. Yunior requires extra help learning to read and other skills, so recently, he went to reside with his aunt so he can

For the people of the Dominican Republic, and the opportunity to share God's great love.

For those coming to know Him through the church and school ministries in the DR.

For providing resources through contributions and prayer support to continue to reach people in the DR for Christ.

Opportunities/Needs

School

Prayer for guidance of Alberto and the DR leaders in seeking and following God's direction in decisions for compliance and use of the resources God provides.

Resources through student Sponsors or school contributions.

Churches

Seeking God's will and blessings in unity.

supplies to start the year, however, much prayer continues for ongoing increased resources needed.

The cost per month to cover salaries, food, insurance and administrative costs increased more than 25% from the previous school year. There is still a need to fill three positions at the school to be fully staffed. Alberto is experiencing a \$1500 per month deficit from the monthly support provided. This is a great area of need for financial support and opportunity for anyone who would consider an end-of-year or ongoing contribution to this important work for His Kingdom.

attend an all-day school. Alberto supports him financially to attend this school and receive the help he needs. This has been an adjustment for all, as well as more responsibility for Alberto. Alberto and his family continue to serve in the Dominican Republic. Alberto leads and oversees the CDEM mission and school. Their primary home is in Santiago, where Jonathan and Abigail attend school. Abigail is in 11th grade and Jonathan is in 9th grade. Most weekends they travel to Monte

God prevails

Leaders and Pastors who are men and women of God.

Continued resources for church stability and outreach in the communities.

New Board Member

CDEM welcomed Craig Harris to our board this summer. Craig has visited the mission in the DR and is familiar with Alberto and the team. He has also participated on teams with several other missions. Craig passionately cares for God's people and reaching others for Christ. Being a very humble and practical-minded man, Craig engages his faith to depend on God to do great things. Following several years as a lay pastor, Craig graduated from Central Christian College. He continues to minister at a church in addition to being the Director at Northeast Iowa Christian Service Camp, Dumont, Iowa.

The last few months have presented intense testing and trials for the CDEM mission work in the DR. As mentioned in the June newsletter, Satan has been strong in his attacks on the unity and work of the mission leaders. Allegations requiring costly legal advice was disruptive and stressful, bringing us all to our knees in prayer. As He has promised in His Word, God prevails. While changes occurred in pastoral leadership, God provided spiritual men to lead the churches and assist with the school. Ramon Genao now serves in Monte Cristi. Martin Colon serves with the church in Barrero. Isaias is a Godly leader, well-known to Alberto and the mission for several years. He is assisting in several ways to assist with all the churches and communities. Work

Cristi where they attend and assist with services in the churches of CDEM, as a family. Jonathan and Abigail had a great visit with family and friends in the US this summer. They visited family in multiple states. Grandma (Helen Lund) was home base and organized opportunities for them to visit old friends and make new friends in several churches as well. They also enjoyed their first experience at a week-long camp at Northeast Iowa Christian Service Camp. The growth and

Contributions

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Financial contributions may be sent to:

- CDEM, c/o Riverview Conference Center, 439 N. Division Street, Cedar Falls, IA 50613
- Website: CDEMDR.org website

Short term mission trips may be arranged through Alberto Rivas @ montecristicdem@yahoo.com or 319-248-9511.

continues in the community of Buenos Aires, although the church is not currently meeting with the CDEM mission.

Please pray for Alberto and the leaders in the DR, as well as the US CDEM Board as we continue to seek God's direction, in our desire to share the saving message of Jesus Christ with the people in the DR. We know our God is greater and stronger, and He will fight for us.

Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. Proverbs 19:21.

maturity of these two young people was noticeable to all, causing us to praise God for His care over this family, as well as strengthen our prayers for Him to continue to guide them in these years. Please continue to pray for the Rivas family as Alberto continues to rely on our Heavenly Father to help guide him in raising his children and lead the mission for God's honor and glory.

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