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Buenos Aires school

The 2017/2018 school year was a success and ended with a celebration graduates--the



Alberto, Abigail, Jonathan, & Yunion

After much prayer and



Praises and Opportunities

Praise & Prayer

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

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

first since the school began. A total of 19 graduates, either Kindergarten or 6th grade, were honored. Planning and purchase of supplies for the 2018/2019 school year is in full swing. Due to resources and lower numbers of students in grades 4 through 6, the school will only offer grades preK through 3rd grade this fiscal year. Alberto is confident in the school leadership. Weekly guidance is also appreciated from Christian and Evelyn, who have established and operated a school in the DR. for many years.

,The school remains an area of need for financial support and opportunity for anyone who would consider contribution to this important work for His Kingdom.



CDEM

waiting for guidance from God, Alberto, along with his children, Abigail and Jonathan, will relocate to Cedar Falls, Iowa late August.2018. Yuniior will remain in the Dominican Republic where he is entering the fifth grade and doing well. While Yuniior is living with Alberto's sister and family, as his guardian, Alberto continues to pay for his schooling and afternoon tutoring. While Alberto's heart remains with the mission and school in the DR, as their father, he feels it is in the best interest for Abigail and Jonathan to be in school here in the US surrounded by support from their extended family. Abigail will be a senior and Jonathan is entering 10th grade. They have found housing and are in the process of selecting a local Christian school and church congregation where they will gather weekly. Alberto has not had a break or furlough for almost five years. He believes, with God's help, strong Christian leaders have been raised up who can help to run the churches and school while he is stateside meeting his immediate family's very important

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.

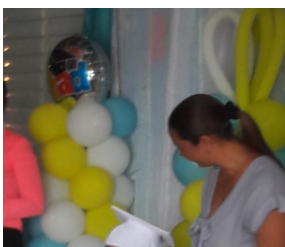
2018/2019 School year--for the teachers, students, and administrators.

Churches

Seeking God's will and blessings in unity.

Leaders and Pastors who are men and women of God.

Continued resources for church stability and outreach in the communities.



Board Member Changes

CDEM welcomed Jay Weinstein and Shelby Janssen to our board. Shelby grew up in Iowa and completed a degree in elementary education with a minor in literacy. Shelby is starting her second year of teaching middle school English at Valley Lutheran School in Cedar Falls. She was involved in Campus Christian Fellowship as a student and continues as an adult Christian Counselor. Shelby attends River'sEdge Christian Church, where she is active on the worship team and youth ministry. Shelby has participated in several mission trips where she enjoys working with building structures and has a passion for working with children. While she does not speak Spanish regularly, she completed several years of studying it, including two years in college.

Jay has known Alberto since 2003 and has visited him there multiple times. Jay has worked directly with other missions in the DR as well. Jay states that he loves the people and the country. In addition to the DR, Jay has worked with other missions with experience serving on boards. He has been to

needs.

Alberto will continue to lead the mission from the US. Communication is possible through WhatsApp, phone, and other efficient electronic methods. Ongoing prayer, team projects, and financial support remains a need for meeting the vision and goals of the mission and reaching the people of the DR for His kingdom.. This has not been an easy decision or made hastily by Alberto.

Although the length of this furlough time has not been established, the CDEM board supports Alberto and his family in this need. God will honor him for his desire to provide what is best for his children, with God's direction. He is continuing to seek guidance from God for returning to the DR. Please continue to pray and support the Rivas family in this time of change.

Please note their new address: 439 N. Division St. #252., Cedar Falls, IA 50613



Cuba annually for the past several years, working with installation of water systems.

Jay, with his wife and two daughters, attends the Franklin Christian Church in TN, where he has also been active in leadership with the World Missions Team. Jay quickly jumped into the role of treasurer. Nick Coers resigned from the CDEM board in 2018. Nic served many years as a board member and treasurer. He also supported the CDEM mission through several visits to the mission in Monte Cristi. Through the years, Nic became owner and operator of two companies, married and has added two daughters to his family. We sincerely thank Nic, with deep appreciation for his service to the board and continued support.



Contributions

Please consider donating--one time gifts, student or teacher sponsorships, or participation in a short term mission trip.

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

CDEM Board

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CDEM Website

Please check out the CDEM Website: cdemdr.org. It has been updated recently. Two videos developed by Hope Missions DuBois about the mission and school will also be available there..

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