

LATIN AMERICA

RAFAEL & JAMIELYNN (TINKEY) FLORES



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“How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed?

And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have not heard?

And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those
who preach the good news!’

But they have not all obeyed the gospel.

For Isaiah says, ‘Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?’

***So, faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of
Christ.”***

Romans 10:14-17



We’d like to update you on a few things that have happened around here in Santiago, Dominican Republic, since the last time we wrote. Rafael’s work and plan for vicarage have changed a little bit! We will be staying in the Dominican Republic through next May, when, God-willing, Rafael will graduate from *Concordia Seminario el Reformador*.

Following graduation, we will move to Chile!

In the meantime, Rafael has begun to work in a brand-new community for the mission in Santiago, a community called Cienfuegos (100 fires). This is the largest barrio (neighborhood) in the city and is filled with opportunities to meet new people and share the Gospel. In his first month working in this area, Rafael met a volleyball coach who has invited him to come twice a week to open practices twice a week with devotions. Aside from volleyball devotions, he has been doing house visits and getting to know the community. We are so thankful for this **new opportunity to share the good news with young adults and their families** here!

(Pictured) Victor and his family with Rafael and Jamielynn at church in Pueblo Nuevo. Victor, a Venezuelan, who Rafael knew 15 years ago, lives with his family now in the Dominican Republic.

Victor plays volleyball with a team all around Santiago, and introduced Rafael to the coach in Cienfuegos.

Since then, he has begun attending church with his family and will soon begin catechism classes! Thanks be to God!



Because we’ll be leaving in a few short months, other members of the church planting team will begin accompanying him to carry on this work!

We give thanks for new opportunities for God’s Word to be taught. This work is never in vain, and we believe in the power of the Holy Spirit to work in these kids’ lives through His Word. As Romans says, faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word!!

MARCH FOR LIFE 2022

Jamielynn will be attending the March for Life in DC this coming January. **Will you?** Send her a message to find her at the Expo on Wednesday or Thursday or meet up on Friday! I'd love to see you there and talk about **Life Ministry in Latin America!**

HOME SERVICE 2022

Following deaconess class intensives in Fort Wayne, January 2022, I will stay in the US to **visit supporters (like you!)** during home service. We are praying for covid restrictions at the US embassy to lift here in the DR in order that Rafael could get a visa to accompany me this time! If your congregation, school, bible study, LWML group, or family would like a visit, ***please email us!!!***

WE INVITE YOU TO PRAY WITH US...

- ⇒ For Rafael's new outreach opportunities in the community of Cienfuegos, that God's will be done & God's Word be taught
- ⇒ For patience during the extended wait before our move to Chile (June 2022)
- ⇒ For Jamielynn's efforts behind the new regional Life Ministry project, that God's will be done
- ⇒ For safety and continued good health for us as we work and study
- ⇒ For continued opening of paperwork and visa offices to work on Rafael's papers (United States & Chile)

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