

Grace and Peace Missionary Fellowship

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EVANGELISM



These two photos picture our evangelism team, Claudy and Keila, leading Antonio Feliz Cuello to the Lord while our construction team worked on the home of a family whose children are in our Children's Program. Antonio is 72 years old. He told us that when he was 9 years old, he would visit a church close to his childhood home and went there for about 2 years, until he was 11. He never accepted Christ during those 2 years. He returned to church later in his teen years but still did not want to give his life to the Lord. Fast forward to 7 years ago. His

cousin lived close to his house and one day his cousin's house caught on fire. When Antonio went to help, he noticed that an electrical wire was causing it, so in trying to put out the fire, he hit that electrical wire and it threw him a short distance. He was immediately taken to the hospital and the emergency room doctor explained how "lucky" he was that the wire didn't kill him. A few days after that incident he had a dream. Dominicans are big on dreams. In his dream, his nephew is saying, "Don't you see those 2 people helping you during the fire? Those were angels keeping you from death." Antonio said that whole incident really started working on his heart. From that point in time until now, a good friend of his has been telling him he needs to open his heart towards the Lord and come to church. Antonio explained that he believed in God, but because of his job, he couldn't attend church all the time. In the Dominican, because legalism is so strong, emphasis is always

placed on attending church over building your relationship with the Lord. Then if you don't dress right, you are chided for that. Several people told Antonio about the Lord, but they always emphasized going to church over and over. The Dominicans go to church 3-4 days a week. Antonio's schedule at work would not allow him to attend church regularly. Keila and Claudy were able to explain it's not about attending church multiple times a week, it's about a relationship with the Lord. Antonio became a Christ follower that day because he found out he could have a relationship with the Lord and go to church when he wasn't scheduled to work. Antonio asked us to please pray for his children, that he could convey to them what he learned that day. Antonio is now attending a local church, Casa de Restauracion, which means House of Restoration and his pastor, Pastor Nathanael, is discipling him. Please keep Antonio in prayer.

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LOVE UNITED



Grace and Peace paid for Domingo and Yeri to get married recently. This couple had been living together for 4 years and have a little girl. They attend church at Casa de Oracion, which means House of Prayer, and wanted to spend the rest of their lives together with the Lord's blessing. The majority of the Dominicans we minister to live together because they say getting married is too expensive and getting divorced is too expensive. Bill and I have spread the word that we will take care of the cost to get married, which is around \$150, about half a month's pay for a Dominican. All the couples say the same thing, "It's such a relief to be husband and wife legally and in the eyes of the Lord."

A RENEWED COMMENTMENT

Duarte Urbaez is 59 years old. He served the Lord for 2 years, then decided to walk away. That was 11 years ago. At the time, he started a new job and made new friends. Those friends would invite

him to go out after work and party. At first he resisted, but then he gave in. Unfortunately in the Dominican if you "mess up" like

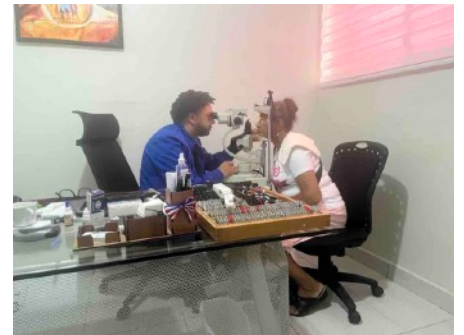


we call it here in America, you INSTANTLY are no longer a Christian. There is a constant emphasis on not missing church. There is zero room for making mistakes. Then once you are labeled as backslidden, no one from your church will speak to you. They will cross a street to avoid you if you are both walking on the same side. About a year after he walked away, his father-in-law started encouraging him to come back to the Lord. He was so empathetic with Duarte, but Duarte felt as though he just couldn't do it. Duarte told us he was constantly asking the Lord to forgive him. He was so embarrassed. It's the saddest thing that the churches don't support those that slip up. When Keila and Claudy started sharing with him, again, we were working on a house for a family in our Children's Program, he was ready. Keila told

him, "Duarte, we are here just for you today. The Lord loves you so much he coordinated the ministry to work on this house right here just so we could talk to you today." Duarte told us that we don't know what tomorrow will bring and he knew it was time to recommit his heart to the Lord. He is attending his father-in-law's church now.

THE WIDOWS GET EYE EXAMS

Thanks to a special donation, our widows are getting eye exams by Dr. Ernesto Fernandez, who is a Christian. Dr. Fernandez gives G&P an amazing price and is even able to use some of the frames



from reading glasses we had at the Mission House to fill the prescription. What a blessing he has been!

