

Doug & Paula Hodges

MINISTRY UPDATE

April 2019



Praises:

1. The new building is already being used for community basketball and youth activities.
2. The children's ministry leaders have set a goal to be moved in to the new building by May 5.

Prayer Requests:

1. Funds for needed repairs for the newly acquired Educational Building.
2. Teachers for the Palms Christian School to teach in English.
3. Continued health for us.
4. A desperate need for "aunts" or ladies willing to invest in the lives of the Lifehouse Girls. The Motas—house parents—are needing relief from the constant stress of the home.

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MINISTRY TO THE POLICE CADETS IN TRAINING

In the last ministry update I reported a ministry opportunity to the policemen of our city. During these chapel times, I kept seeing a large amount of young men at the station dressed in active wear but not police uniforms. Upon inquiry, it was relayed to me that these were cadets in training to be policemen. Immediately, I was presented



the opportunity to share the Word during their morning assembly. As a matter of fact, I was told, "You can come every day if you like." Now, every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, I have chapel with over 100 cadets! Please pray for this opportunity. I plan to go slow and teach in bite size the book of John. The cadets will be reading the chapter that is designated for that week. The regular police chapel is being handed off to the church's new assistant pastor, Carlos Telleria!

MINISTRY ON THE BALL FIELD

Since the beginning of our ministry in the Dominican we heard, "Baseball is not a sport, it is our life." God has opened a door to share the gospel on the field, in the stands, or in casual conversations. Each Tuesday afternoon at practice, the Word of God is shared to about 50 young players. On game day, the gospel is shared with over 100 players, coaches, and parents. Pray for open and tender hearts!



NEW CHURCH MINISTRY CENTER REMODEL CONTINUES

Expectations are high to begin utilizing the ministry center for the church in San Pedro. Progress is slow even with "those of us" taking a lick at it. This facility will be used for children and youth ministry, women's rescue ministry (Mercy Workshop), recreational activities, and church offices.

FLASH!!!!

WE COULD USE SOME HELP SO, "COME ON DOWN!"



ENCOURAGER "PAR EXCELLENCE"

During all of our ministry my wife and ministry partner, Paula Hodges, has always found a way to be an encouragement. If she is not with Allison, she is with the ladies in the Mercy Workshop, planning activities for the Lifehouse girls, and spending time with missionary ladies. She has never met a stranger, even when stopped on the highway by a Dominican policeman. Paula is always encouraging people, friends, and family!



Discipling the Nations,
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