

Grace and Peace Missionary Fellowship

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GOD'S TIMING



Last year our nephew, Matt, came down to the Dominican with another brother in the Lord, Keith. They came to install new flooring on the 2nd floor balcony of the Mission House. In the afternoons they would go out and evangelize. Generally this is how we plan a team's activities since evangelizing in the morning is difficult because the women are cooking for the big noon meal. Evangelizing in the afternoon is so much more fruitful. One afternoon, Keith, Matt, Bill and Keila went out evangelizing and ministered to a group of Dominicans where one young man

by the name of Robert Sefirin accepted the Lord. He was in his 20's. Fast forward to this February of 2024. Robert was leaving work and someone robbed and killed him. We're sure when he woke up that morning, he wasn't aware of what was going to happen that day, but he was spiritually prepared because the Lord opened the door for Keith to lead him into dedicating his life to Christ. All we can do is tell those around us about the Lord. Sometimes we have to be intentional.



This is Widow Santica Feliz Perez. She is new to our Widow Program.

Santica went to a lot of street campaigns and heard preaching when she was young. Most recently, one of her neighbors, Pastor Saulo, along with another neighbor, Luciana, would witness to her pretty much daily. Pastor Saulo is the man who does our widow house maintenance. When Santica came into the program and said she wasn't a Christian, Claritza (also a widow) and Keila started visiting her and sharing the gospel. She began to hear more when last year she had a breast cancer scare. She was in a lot of pain and prayed diligently for the Lord to heal her. The tests came back that it was not breast cancer and the condition eventually healed. At that point, she realized she needed more spiritually. The No. 1 reason Santica rejected becoming a Christian? The church. Her neighbors, Pastor Saulo and Luciana were loving and kind to her all the time. The other neighbors who went to church regularly and everyone knew as "Christians" did nothing but gossip

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and treat her rudely. Actually, they refused to even talk to her. There's an interesting concept we all need to ponder. Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven." I could give a few more verses after that, but it's quite scary. I encourage you to look it up. Pastor Saulo and Luciana, Christians by deed, showed Santica the love the Lord asks us to show those around us every day. Since Santica has made a commitment to serve the Lord, she told us she is consumed with peace and tranquility. She asked us if we could pray for her walk with the Lord, because she wants to serve him as best she can. We always plug all new Christians into a local body of believers, but Santica does not like the fellowship groups close to her house and said she doesn't want to go to those churches. The people have been that rude. We will disciple her on a weekly basis and pray we can find a church to plug her into.

DR. CHOW - CANTON FIRST FRIENDS VISITS IN MAY

Dr. Chris Chow and his team came to do house to house physical exams to the widows we take care of. They were able to treat close to 50 widows. They also held 2 conferences to teach health education to our widows and widow leaders.



While all of that was going on, Bill and Glenn went out evangelizing. I can't say with 100% surety, but my guess is that not too many people would go to the places Bill is willing to go to share the gospel. He took Glenn to a local place that once was a disco. Now it is a meeting place for those on drugs and drug dealers.



The 1st day they shared with 3 young men who made commitments. When he went back the next day, they were not there because the night before, there was a big drug raid by the police and a lot of the guys went to jail. We will continue to follow up with them

and pray they are willing to get plugged into a local church. Because of the darkness in that place that day, Bill said all we can do is pray they truly opened their heart. Two days before the team left, Dr. Chow and his team set up a medical clinic at the farm to treat the Haitians living there and their families. During that clinic, Keila prayed with Carolina Baptista.



Carolina committed her life to Christ a few years ago, was attending church regularly until her mother got very sick 3 months later. Because she wasn't attending church, she was told she was no longer a Christian. It's tragic when we hear these stories. We spent time with her explaining that she WAS a Christian, prayed with her and told her that legalism is a stronghold on many who profess to be Christians. She said she feels much better and is regularly attending the Church services we hold at the farm each Sunday now.