

# Jan, Feb and March 2022

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## Proverbs 16:9

"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."

I have to be honest, when Babai (pronounced bye-bye) passed away last year, Bill, myself and Keila were deeply saddened and left with a huge void. Babai had been doing all of our widow house building/maintenance for over 10 years. We were a team. But there was a dark, hidden secret. Babai had AIDS and didn't seek the help that would have kept him alive. By the time Grace and Peace found out, Babai's health had declined so badly that he was bedridden. Bill and Keila, along with Hemo, Babai's assistant, traveled to Pariaso, a town about an hour from the mission house to minister to Babai. Bill and Keila prayed with him. He wasn't able to talk but he acknowledged them by shaking his head. Babai had given his heart to the Lord several years back through G&P and was

baptised as well. Although Hemo was quiet the whole trip there, Keila and Bill ministered to him, sharing about the Lord's saving grace. One of the things Bill always does when someone shows resistance to the Gospel is to ask them to talk to the Lord when they lay their head on their pillow at night. "Talk to Him like you talk to us. He is listening." Babai passed away in mid 2021, so Hemo took over our widow house building/maintenance. Then in November of 2021, Hemo died. He was only 31 years old. He was on the back of a motorcycle, told the driver he had pain in his stomach, fell off and died. All we could hope for is that he listened to Bill the night they saw Babai, talked to the Lord and accepted him as his Lord and Savior. Our 2nd challenge was finding an honest builder, not as easy as it sounds here in the DR. Lots of prayer went up, nothing. Lots more prayer, nothing. I don't know that we have been this challenged in years, although we have learned over the last 22



**Babai working on  
A Widow House**



**Hemo working on  
A Widow House**

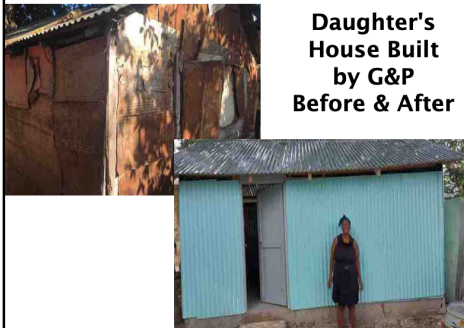
years to wait on His provision. Easier said than done. It was hard. We kept on praying. This request was wide open, week after week after week. Then Bill found someone on referral. This gentleman, Bernardo, came to the house and did some finish cement work on the Mission House. We asked him if he knew how to build houses and he said, "Oh, yes, I sure do." We all agreed that we had to see what his work was like. There was more pressure than just finding



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another Maestro as they call them, we had a team raising money in the States, coming in April to build a house for Widow Emilia. Emilia's daughter is mentally ill and must live near her mother, so we decided to build the daughter a small casita to see how Bernardo would do.



**Daughter's House Built by G&P Before & After**

The Lord was putting everything in it's right place. Before we started working on Emilia's daughter's house, Keila and I went there. Her son, Juan, who lives 3 hours away, was there building Widow Emilia a bathroom (Outhouse) with his maestro, Pablo. The first thing Juan said to us was, "I have children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of my own and I'm embarrassed to say I have not been able to take care of my mother as I should have." We explained about the widow program and that it was a true blessing for us to help take care of her and to build her house. Juan asked us if we could take over the bathroom construction and pay to have it finished, but we explained that we were building his sister a small casita along with his mother's casita and we weren't able to at this time. On Bernardo's first day, we went there and quickly saw he was struggling. We stayed for a few hours, then I asked Juan to help me find a Maestro and we needed them soon. Juan suggested his friend who had just finished

his mom's bathroom. His name is Pablo. I asked Juan to please go speak to Pablo right away, so he and Yefri (Keila's husband) did. Pablo happened to be working on a house down the road from the widow's house. He accepted and started on the daughter's house the very next day. Needless to say, this man is a hard worker, has integrity (hard to find many times) and loves to build. Here are the photos of the houses the Lord built. While building the widow house with Brown Horse Project, a group from Canfield, Ohio, Bill and Steve Swain ministered to those who came to watch the building process each day and led these 3 people to the Lord. To us, this is what it is about more than anything.



**Widow Emilia's House Before & After**



**Bill and Steve Swain from BHP Evangelize and lead 3 people to the Lord**

Widow Enriqueta Rocha Sanchez came into the widow program in late January. She said she didn't know the Lord when we interviewed her. Claritza, who is a G&P widow will go and minister to all the new widows who don't know the Lord. She is quite the powerhouse for the Lord. She went to Enriqueta's house and ministered to her and on February 4th, Enriqueta surrendered her life to the Lord. Her story isn't unique in that she said she had made a commitment years ago. But in the Dominican, if you smoke or drink, you are not considered a Christian. It's very sad when we come across these types of situations because no matter how hard Bill and I explain that we are saved by Grace and the Lord will deliver all of us from whatever it is that holds us back from growing in the Lord, generally it's to no avail. So, Enriqueta was in church but because she wanted to have a drink with her uncle, she stopped going and was considered an outcast and not a Christian. Right before we met her, she told us she was praying so hard for the Lord to give her the strength to walk the walk and then we came along. She told us it was God's perfect timing and the push she needed to walk with him the way she wanted to.



**Enriqueta praying with Claritza**