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Years ago, around 2010, the Lord revealed to us that building a cement or wooden house for our widows put their lives in danger. All within 1 year, we had 3 widows whose lives were threatened by relatives who had inherited rights to their home once they passed away. It's actually hard to wrap my mind around this scenario even to this day. From that time on, we built all new homes with zinc only. Fast forward to 2023. One of our widows, Mireya Calabar, wanted a kitchen extension. When we saw the condition of her home, we offered her a whole new house made of zinc. She said, "No." Her rotted wood was more of an asset to her. This will show you the level of poverty we have in the Dominican Republic. We did the

best we could to support her dilapidated home and we built her a new kitchen extension. When the extension was finished, we thought, "How in the world do we explain this?" But it's our harsh reality here serving the Lord. It's where we pray "hard" for the Lord to give us wisdom. Miraya was so elated that we blessed her with this new kitchen.



Here is a photo of Widow Ramona Ramirez praying with Keila to rededicate her life. Ramona was publicly embarrassed by a local pastor many years ago and ended up with a root of bitterness towards Christianity. When she came into the Widow Program, Keila and Claritza ministered to her twice a week. Keila, with her gentle spirit, helped Ramona see her bitter stance, prayed with her to forgive that pastor and to rededicate her life to the Lord. The best part is that her family has been praying for this for many years!

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EVANGELISM

This year at our banquet, G&P presented a new area of ministry. Although we've been ministering to around 300 children for many years, the needs of their parents were brought to the forefront of that program some time last November while in prayer for the mission. Then in January, we raised enough money to do several small construction improvements on the homes of the parents of the children in our program. Some parents send them to the program just for the egg, because it's protein. What the Lord has done in 2023 through this fund raising effort is so beautiful. As we were pouring a cement floor or installing a door or windows, our evangelism team went to the neighbors and sometimes stayed right with the family to share the Gospel. How the Lord has used the Children's Program through the years is such a blessing as you will see through this next story. This is Tania with her family. She is a single mom and has been building her home block by block for many years.



Her children are in our program in Maria Montez. We spent awhile with Tania and in the end she asked us to pray that the Lord would soften and open her heart for Him, but she wasn't ready just yet. We shared with her and her son throughout the whole construction process. Here is her floor before.



Cement Floor After



G&P pays Pastor Yefri, Keila's husband, to oversee the Ministry's construction projects. Tania asked Yefri if he could bring a helper with him, that she would pay for, because she couldn't find anyone to help with the construction. This is a requirement we have for each family we help. Yefri asked Julio, who he knew did construction. Here's where the story gets awesome! While the finisher makes the floor beautiful, Julio sits down as Keila and Claudi are sharing the Gospel with Tania and her son, who is 18. Tania is listening but her son is resisting. He said he was pretty much invincible. Julio is now there listening to all of

this and begins to share with Tania's son how dangerous his lifestyle is. Keila and Yefri were a little taken back by what they were hearing. Finally they said to Julio, "Do you know the Lord?" And he said, "No," Apparently Julio grew up in our Children's Program for more than 10 years, never accepted the Lord, left the program and joined Johan's ministry which is right beside Keila's house. Johan grew up in our home with our children and went on to become the director of his own ministry about 2 city blocks from us. Julio has been with Johan on Saturdays learning more about the Gospel. So, here he sits, telling Tania's son everything he has learned. Keila and Yefri turn to him and say, "Do you want to accept the Lord?" And Julio said "Yes, I am ready." How amazing is that? The Lord was all over Julio's life for so many years and that day he was finally ready to walk in the truth he had been learning for so many years!



Julio is sitting down in the black shirt