

# Allens in the Dominican Republic

## Prayer Requests

### Personally:

- Wisdom in planning and scheduling summer camps.
- Wisdom and provision on a van.
- Wisdom on prioritizing all the projects that still need to be finished.

### Ministry:

- Souls to come to Christ here in Corocito
- Growth in the Church
- Summer cam



Dear Friends and Family,

We cannot thank you enough for your faithfulness to the ministry in Corocito. God has done so much in our lives personally the last few years and has been faithful in His work in our community. We have updated you about some of the growth and progress but have some further updates to share! We are deeply grateful for all the prayers, support, and help you all provide.

In the last month Derrick and I have been praying for clarity and direction about several goals. We finally have a place for our church to meet – including a space for the children. We do not however, have restroom facilities for either meeting space. This project has been planned out, modified and replanned several times. We have even intended to begin work on it but have never been able to actually break ground.

We have some money set aside for this project but are finding that we need additional support. There are three ways that you can be a part of getting this off the ground.....or in the ground rather!

1) Pray for wisdom and patience as we discern when to start (I want this bathroom done like, last November).

2) Pick an item to cover by donating that amount at [hopegrowshere.org](http://hopegrowshere.org)

- 2 Toilets - \$200 each
- 2 Sinks/faucets - \$200 each
- 2 exhaust fans -\$50 Each
- 2 Light fixtures - \$50 Each
- 2 Windows - \$60 each
- 2 Doors - \$160 each

3) If you would like to come help us build these bathrooms, please contact us about a time. We would love to make that happen! Our goal is to have this bathroom done by the time we start camps this summer!

## Praises!

- First baptism this coming Easter!!
- All COVID restrictions have been lifted here.

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Did someone mention summer camps??? We would like to have themed camps for several weeks this summer in addition to at least one week of full-day Bible camp. We did this last year and saw relationships develop and fruit begin to grow. We would like to continue using our facilities for this ministry. We have three ways you can get involved in this as well!!

- 1) Pray! You can pray for wisdom on what camps to have and when to run them!!! You can begin praying that kids (and their parents) would have open hearts and be receptive to the Word of God.
- 2) You can sponsor a week of camp!!! (More details will be coming but camps take lots of craft material, game materials, prizes etc. When we get closer we will be posting wish lists for our camps.)
- 3) You can come help us run these camps!!! Last year we had the help of two interns all summer as well as a team for the full day camp week. It took many more hands than just Derrick and I to pull off these fun weeks of spiritual growth. If you would be interested in interning for the summer or coming for a week-long trip to help, please let us know. We love getting to serve alongside our supporters in this way!

## “Faith can move mountains.”

Finally, many of you were incredibly generous in helping us purchase a van 9 years ago!!! We were able to get a 3-year-old 12 passenger van. While it has served us well, that van is now 12 years old and has many many miles on it! It still runs well but is beginning to have more and more maintenance issues. We live farther out of town and repairs are much more difficult to accommodate. We have spent the last 6 months looking at newer models. The same van 3-4 years old is around \$30,000. We have been setting some money back knowing this was an upcoming expense and have been given \$3000 in the last couple years toward transportation. We are looking to raise an additional \$11,000 to be able to make the trade. There are two ways you can help us accomplish this (notice a trend here?):

- 1) Pray of course! We have several options of vans within the same price, make/model. It is a buyer beware market here and unfortunately certain things are easily masked short term. There are always HUGE risks in buying used. A new van is a minimum of \$48,000 which is a LOT to raise when we have other things we are asking for as well. Please pray that we would find the right van and that it would run well for a long time!!
- 2) You can sponsor a seat in our 12 passenger fan for \$915!!!! Or give any amount you feel the Lord laying on your heart.

Once again, we can not thank you enough for all the prayers, messages, and support that fuel us to be able to continue sharing the gospel in Corocito and surrounding areas. We love you all.

Derrick and Katie