



Josh & Kaitlyn Ramsier

Serving faithfully at
Caribbean Mountain Academy
in the Dominican Republic

Personal Life: Update

Elana is such a sweetheart. She loves to sleep in her bed and suck her thumb (yes, I understand in 5 years this will not be so cute... but for now melts my heart and makes sleeping pretty easy). She steals the hearts of students, staff, and local Dominicans with her big beautiful eyes and huge smiles. She is loved by so many here, and especially her older brother!!

Oh Oliver. At the end of May, Oliver tripped over a ball and twisted his knee, so we thought. After a very restless night, we took him to the ER. After about a day of waiting in the ER and a few x-rays it was explained that he had broke his femur and would need to have a surgery to insert temporary pins into his femur. The pins will be in for about 5 months. The next few days, we waited at the hospital for insurance to come through, surgery, and then discharge. We got back home on Friday. We had my sister visiting during that time and some friends that were willing and able to help us with interpreting. We had some visitors that brought Oliver some great toys and a whole lot of latex gloves that the hospital provided. These made for great balloons!

Everyone kept surprisingly good attitudes all things considered, so much love was shown to us by our staff family, cleaning the house, checking in on us, visits, bringing food to the house when we got home- we really have a big family here and we are thankful. Oliver was then in a cast for three weeks (of which my sister was here for a week and Josh's mom, dad, and brother came to help for a week and a half). We have currently started physical therapy, due to him being out of the cast for four weeks but still not bending his knee well. It seems to be getting better quickly and no one seems too concerned. On Sunday May 26, Oliver had his first haircut and now currently he has no baby curls left. *sniff sniff* Love his new style and his new haircut sure makes him look a lot more grow-up.




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Campus/Ministry Update

There is a great need for some male staff to join our team and work with the boys. If you or anyone you know of is older than 21 and looking for an opportunity to serve with teens, let us know!

There is a link on the Crosswinds website where applicants can submit their information:

Crosswinds.org/Careers



Summer Schedule:

Summer is busy. Josh has been intentionally able to carve out time every week to spend some time as a family. We have been enjoying some extra summer staff, and the new director and his family have been such a blessing to us and our campus. They have four young children and live within walking distance so Oliver loves having new friends and talks about them daily.

Thankful for visitors!



Prayer Requests

- Pray for our new nanny and that I can communicate expectations and that Oliver will adjust to using more Spanish again.
- Pray for our family as we learn to foster a Christ-centered home.
- Pray for Josh and me as we train new staff that join our team or have recently joined the CMA family.
- Pray for eyes to see where God is working in staff, students, and local friends and where we can join Him in His work.

How to support us financially...

Most of the funding you generously give goes to our living expenses, but we also are able to give to others and those that God lays on our hearts that are in need. We have had extra expenses lately due to Oliver's broken femur- medical bills, transportation expenses and car repair bills, extra food, therapy 2x per week for a month, and other expenses. We have continued to support a local woman who is helping me with housework and the children.

Our monthly donations have almost doubled recently, but we are still between 50%-75% of our monthly goal. Many of you have given in the last three years since we began this journey and we are so SO grateful. God moves mountains and cares for His children! This is something He does best so we trust Him fully, but we feel it is only fair to make you aware of the ongoing need that is still here.

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