

Looking forward to the Dominican Repub.

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Back stateside, I have been on a whirlwind trip across the United States. My visits include Minnesota, Arizona, Wisconsin and St. Louis, giving an update on the work accomplished in Mexico City and pointing my supporters toward my future work in the Dominican Republic.

Fundraising is a key part of any LCMS missionary's work. We missionaries have to raise 100% of our own funds. Finding the individuals, finding the congregations, on top of their field responsibilities, is all the job of the missionaries.

However, to complain about fundraising is to complain about the nature of Church work. Everything this side of the resurrection requires money. That is a reality that sometimes we are uncomfortable to talk about, but that is absolutely true.

Because of this, God has provided the people of his Church with time, treasures and talents. Not all are able to serve as missionaries (a matter of time and talents) but many are able to support through offerings (a matter of treasures) and all are able to pray for our missionaries during this process. David writes, "The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing." In typical God-like fashion, when there is a problem God provides a solution. The Church of Jerusalem after Pentecost abundantly provided for the missionary activity of the early Church. The solution to my problem of fundraising is the people that God has placed in my path, who have generously supported me this far and I pray will generously continue to support me.

I plan on being in the capital of the Dominican Republic until entering seminary in the fall of 2017. I thank the Lord for this job opportunity to live with my wife for the first time in our first

seven months of marriage. Looking forward to the Dominican Republic, I envision working with the existing Church musicians, forming new ones and offering workshops in the underfunded Dominican public school sector, a huge opportunity.

With those familiar with my work, this is a project I had begun in Mexico City. In Mexico City, we used the name Proyecto Joel, going to the public and private schools offering workshops on a variety of themes - bullying, moral values, dating and three sessions on parenting aimed at the parents of the students. Offering these same workshops in the Dominican Republic would be a phenomenal way to make new contacts. In the Dominican Republic we would be given much more freedom to present ourselves as Lutheran Missionaries and even use the workshops as a platform to invite the students to the nearest Church for youth group, guitar classes and worship. I am very excited about the potential a program like this has in the Dominican Republic. Please stay updated, please pray for my work and please support my role in Christ's work through your offerings. As an attachment I have my Prayercard, or read the left orange column for more information on how to support my work. God bless.

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