



# THE PRATER FAMILY

## *Missionaries to the Dominican Republic*

December 2019 - January 2020

Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

It has been amazing to reflect over the past year of what all God has accomplished in our lives. There would be so much to recount that one letter would not suffice. We do know that we would not be where we are at today without the hand of the Lord working in and through us. "For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust" (Psalm 103:14). The past two months have been very encouraging as we continue to see our support levels rising as well as our 2020 calendar filling up. We have been in twenty-three meetings during the months of December and January in the states of Virginia, Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Ohio. We have been able to watch the fruit of our labor spring up as we now are at 43% (and counting) for our monthly financial support! Praise the Lord!! God has allowed and helped us to line up some great prospective meetings for the upcoming year 2020. Please be in prayer that God's will be accomplished in each and every meeting we attend. One of the verses that the Lord has laid upon my heart recently for this new year has been "redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16). Our desire is to be "about the Father's business" in doing our part by being good stewards with the time He has given us.

Our youngest son, John, just celebrated his first birthday on 12/2/19. He took his first few steps on 12/18/19. He is practically running now as well as climbing, messing, getting into everything, and receiving a lot more training sessions. He knows the word "no" and "sit still" very well now. When we have our nightly devotions, he sits so quietly and listens very intently for me to say, "In Jesus' name, Amen." Then, he immediately begins to squeal with excitement, and leaps out of my lap, ready to play. We love our boys. Our family is doing well. God has shielded us from a great amount of sickness with the immense amount of traveling we do. We are grateful for His goodness and mercy that follows us every day. We thank the Lord for four healthy boys, and we do not want to take this for granted. Thank you to everyone who prayed for my sister, Brittney's, open-heart surgery on 12/10/19. Her surgery went well, and she is continuing to recover. Please pray for the Lord to continue to provide grace for her healing process. Also, please continue to pray for traveling mercy, grace, and help through our scheduled meetings. We would like to thank you all for your continued prayers and faithful support of our family. You are a blessing and an encouragement to us! You are continually in our prayers. We love you and praise God for you all.



In Jesus' Name,  
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*Enoch, Silas, Jude, and John*

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