

Pathway to Jesus—Caminito de Jesus Santiago, Dominican Republic

Greetings from the Dominican Republic in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

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I am THANKFUL for...

We just dedicated a day to celebrate Thanksgiving. But, something I am trying to do is to celebrate each and every day by thanking God for what He has done and continues to do in my life and in the ministry. We have SO much to be thankful for in this life and I would like to share a few of the things I am thankful for.

Two hundred sixty students at our school (Pathway to Jesus / Caminito de Jesús)

Hernandez family of 4 is all together (We have been all together since the end of May which has been a HUGE blessing) and my Health is much better

All the people that have supported me one way or another, especially covering me, my family and the school ministry in prayers

Not being alone (God is ALWAYS with me; He NEVER abandons me)

Knowledge, discernment and wisdom that God gives me to make decisions for my family and the ministry Food, Friends and Family

University of Chicago (They have taken VERY good care of me on this whole journey)

Love (God's love, love from my family, friends and supporters)

NEEDS THE SCHOOL HAS AT THIS TIME

At this time of year many people often are looking for places to give an end-of-the-year donation. I would like to take this opportunity to express a couple of needs the school has at this present time that could be options for you to make a possible donation.

#1 – Sponsor a child – We presently have 15 unsponsored students whose parents applied to receive this extra help. Therefore, we are looking for sponsors for these 15 children.

Here are 4 of those students: (See pictures on next page)

- Amy Pérez Peralta is 4 years old and is in the PK4 program. She like to play and paint. Her favorite subject is Reading.
- **Jarlyn** Enmanuel Santos is 7 years old and is in Second grade. He likes to play with his games at home. His favorite subject is Science.
- Isabella Sofia Santana is 6 years old and is in First grade. She likes to watch cartoons on TV. Her favorite subject is Math.
- Carlos Daniel Ramirez is 5 years old and is in Kindergarten. He likes to play baseball. His favorite subject is Art.

It costs \$35 a month to sponsor a child. Your monthly donation helps your child receive an excellent, solid Christian education in a healthy environment where Christ is the center of everything. Your monthly donation also <u>helps</u> pay that child's teacher and provide some school supplies to be used in the classroom.

If you are interested in signing up for this and/or have questions, please contact me (<u>guille73shelley71@yahoo.com</u> or 630-329-4380). I would be more than willing to help walk you through the process.

#2 – We still need to raise about \$30,000 for the General Operations Fund for this 2017-2018 school year. The school's general operation budget is covered by tuition, the sponsorship program and fundraising. Because the school ministers to children from low income families, it is unable to charge a tuition that covers the full general operations expenses. Therefore, every year there is a need to do some fundraising to help cover the deficit in the budget.

If you are interested and willing to help out with this, you can send a check payable to Pathway to Jesus to the following address: Peace CRC, 833 E. 168th Street, South Holland, IL 60473. This would be a tax-deductible donation. (You can contribute ANY amount, every donation helps us get one step closer to meeting our goal)

HEALTH UPDATE

I have officially been transitioned into the maintenance stage which means I am only taking chemo pills and not receiving the chemo infusions. The doctors are playing around with the dosage of my chemo pill, because unfortunately, one of the side effects of this chemo pill is that it lowers my white blood count. Which, then of course, weakens my immune system. My doctor said he is going to try a lower dosage for the next couple of months, yet monitor my M-spike protein level. If my M-spike protein level doesn't come down at all these next couple of months, most likely I will need to start receiving infusions again. We won't know yet for a couple of months.

As of right now, they say the maintenance is indefinite, but that is OK, because the cancer is under control. Praise God for that!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God for a great first half year of classes

Pray for the staff and students as they present their Christmas program this season

Pray for wisdom as we make a lot of decisions in preparation for the construction and for all-day school

Pray that God would provide the donations needed to cover the general operations deficit

Pray that God would provide the sponsors that are still needed

Pray that the doctors will be able to figure out the best maintenance treatment for me and that this M-spike protein will be eliminated from my body





















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