

Ministerio Esperanza y Gozo - Hope & Joy Ministry

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13



Dear friends and family,

Greetings from Santiago! What an awesome summer we have had here at Hope and Joy Ministry!

As we mentioned in our last email, this summer, we added an additional activity to our week. All summer, we met with our "La Vereda" group on Tuesday mornings and on Saturday afternoons. We also continued to meet with our "Casa Blanca" group on Thursday afternoons. Now that school is starting up again, we will have to make a change, but we are hoping to continue meeting on Tuesdays after school because the kids are so motivated and are excited to be able to come to activities twice a week.

On the days we do not have activities, we dedicate ourselves to visiting the community and the families of the children; to pray for them and with them. We are so encouraged by the openness and excitement of the children and families we serve.



This summer we were also encouraged by visitors to our our ministry. Our friend, Marissa, was here in the DR for the summer interning for another ministry and in her spare time was able to visit and help with a few activities. We were so thankful for her help and the kids absolutely loved her.

We also had our very first Hope and Joy Team this summer (of two). Carrie's mom, Karen Hoekstra, and her friend, Cheryl Terpstra, came down for a ten day visit. The goal of their trip was to provide backpacks and back-to-school supplies for the Hope and Joy Ministry kids. They raised money, filled their suitcases with supplies, and purchased backpacks. They supplied 120 children in the neighborhood we serve with much needed back-to-school supplies. The children were so excited to receive their backpacks and were so proud to wear them home to show their families. What a blessing. Praise God! Also, because they exceeded their fundraising goal, they were able to bless our friend Omeyra's children's ministry in Haina as well (Fundacion Alcanzar De Dios). Thank you so much to everyone who donated to help provide backpacks to children who needed them.

"Therefore encourage and comfort one another and build up one another, just as you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11



Prayer Requests

- Pray for each child and family we are working with, that God will continue to open their hearts and that they will allow God to fill them with peace.
- Pray specifically for the family who lets us use their patio for activities on Tuesdays and Saturdays. They are going through a difficult time right now.
- Pray for the mother of one of our kids, Darlene, who is very sick.
- Pray that God will open doors for our own location where we can offer more activities for the children and families.
- Pray for us as we begin to plan our trip to the states later this year to present to our supporting churches and do some fundraising.

Praises

- We praise God for our visitors this summer.
- We praise God for our first team and the blessing they were to the ministry and to the children and families.

- We praise God for the opportunity to bless another children's ministry with backpacks.
- We praise God for the seeds that God is planting in the hearts of the children that we are ministering to.

Giving Opportunities

- If you would like to support Hope & Joy Ministry, you can click the "donate online" button below or you can send a check to the address below with a note stating your donation is intended for "Eddy and Carrie Ramos/Hope and Joy Ministry."
- Show your support by following our Hope and Joy Facebook or Instagram pages and liking or commenting on our posts. We post pictures and videos a few times each week.



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