

2017 BELLO CHRISTMAS CONNECTION

It's been an active year for both the Bello family in the USA and our ministry team in the DR!

USA

- ❖ **Ethan (8) & Logan** played **Basketball...** skills shining
- ❖ **Ethan's dream came true** -- playing football!
Offensive & defensive starting line, team kicker, made blocks, tackles and even an interception.
- ❖ Both boys excel in **school**, especially math and reading. **Logan (7)** was named *Amazing Artist!*



❖ Itineration tour

We visited 80+ churches, spoke 130 times, had over 200 personal meetings with current or potential partners, and participated in 27 multi-church conferences. That's 500+ hours in the car, not counting the planes. Mostly we go all 4 together, sometimes just Jamie, or just Berly and every so often we divide and conquer two places at once. It took us to **WA (every corner), OR, ID, TX, FL, CA, MO and GA**. Some of you get this, but others ask what this "itineration" thing we do is all about.

❖ Sabbatical (Rest) to come

We are a bit weary... so quite excited for a **3 month Sabbatical** Jan-Mar. Back at it in April 'til we reach 100% budget. We are at **82% monthly & 89% cash**. Please **pray with us** for both the rest & the budget goals. We desire to return to the DR at the top of our game – to put some God-sized dreams into action for next term.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

MDA (National Teen Ministries)

- ✓ Coached **3 mentoring groups** of youth leaders.
- ✓ Hosted 3 summer short term mission's teams.
- ✓ Pilar & team directed a **Youth Campus Missions Event** – where almost 100 teens committed to **pray, give, live (4 Jesus), tell (His story), & serve** on their high school campus.



UCONEXION University Ministries (Chi Alpha)

- ✓ Student leaders led small groups on 7 campuses. 18-23 groups each semester.
- ✓ **Launched small group on 8th campus** this fall – interior town where **recent med school graduate, Keyla**, was sent by gov't to work in a medical clinic. (Sweet way to finance pioneering efforts!! 😊)
- ✓ Led **75 students to 1st time decision for Christ**, including some international students!
- ✓ 4 student leaders worked in USA on exchange program during summer. **Peniel led a Chinese student to Christ in the USA**. Missions forward!!

