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A MACEDONIAN CALL TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



DURING THE NIGHT PAUL HAD A VISION OF A MAN OF MACEDONIA STANDING AND BEGGING HIM, "COME OVER TO MACEDONIA AND HELP US."- ACTS 16:9 NIV

Dear Friends of Galcom,

For the first time in 10 years, it has been hard to select a theme Scripture- not because we couldn't think of one, but because several were so relevant that it was difficult to choose. Besides the chosen verse above, Proverbs 19:21 that speaks of God superintending our plans and also Exodus 3:7-9 about Him hearing the cry of the oppressed seemed to apply based on what we experienced last month when a planned exploratory trip to Cuba was cancelled and we felt sovereignly redirected to the Dominican Republic instead.

The seeds for an exploratory trip* to the Dominican Republic had been planted as far back as 2011 when Northpointe Church missions pastor Josh Bradley shared about the plight of Haitians (many of whom do not read) living in poor conditions in the Dominican Republic. A different Pastor Josh (Rev. Josh Corbin** from Grace Family Church) dropped in after Labor Day to say that he & his wife Amanda were going to visit the Dominican Republic in early October. He accepted a few audio Bibles in Haitian Creole to take along. On the same day that problems arose with our Cuba visas, an unexpected phone call came from Nancy Hylda in Santiago, DR*** who said she loved reaching people for Christ and had seen that Galcom has the same desire on our Facebook page. She asked, "Do you think we could partner together to reach people here for Jesus?" We began to sense this just might be a 'Macedonian call' when Josh and Amanda met Nancy while in the DR and gave her 5 Haitian Creole audio Bibles for evaluation.



To make a long story short, instead of going to Cuba as planned, Mauricio Chicas and Tom Blackstone flew to the DR on Nov. 4 with a number of demonstrator Galcom radios and audio Bibles. Everything clicked together for an amazing time there. Truly the Lord went before us by ordering our footsteps, and there was evidence of this every day. Thanks to Nancy & Josh, we met over a dozen Haitian pastors and church leaders who felt that a partnership with Galcom to reach Haitians (and Dominicans too) with durable solar audio devices would be good and very timely.



Haitian pastors joyfully anticipate future teams

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Pray for:

- Haitians in the Dominican Republic: God IS hearing their cry
- Haitian pastors we met to stay strong in spite of hardships
- key contact Nancy Hylda to find work so she can do ministry
- future teams to follow up on the open doors for outreach
- possible partnership with Radio Emanuel in Santiago





In addition, we discovered a Christian AM station in Santiago that is interested in exploring how we might partner together in the future. Finally, the Lord, through Josh Bradley, arranged a visit to the Ambassadors of Love Children's Home in Santo Domingo near a poor Haitian neighborhood where we might serve with mission teams one day.

In their own words:

We started out aiming to travel to Cuba but doubts came that our visas would be approved in time; then a door opened up for us to travel to the Dominican Republic to explore the possibility to work with people displaced by the earthquake in poor conditions in Haiti. As we changed our focus to travel to the DR, we started to sense God's hands at work; what had taken months to set up traveling to Cuba was accomplished in about three weeks for the DR. Once there, it felt at times more like we were in Haiti, since most of the communities, churches and pastors we visited were Haitians. We made lots of good contacts and found plenty of opportunities for future missionary work with them. - Mauricio Chicas

I thank my God for all he did during your missionary trip in Dominican Republic. He knows exactly why he sent you. Your trip is a blessing for the Haitian community. All the pastors and leaders were happy and pray for your return already because according to them this method is a blessing from Heaven! Everyone must listen to the spoken word and literacy must not be a barrier to understanding the good news of Jesus. I keep you in prayers and I pray to see the team next year in Jesus's name. Bondye beni w (God bless you in Haitian Creole) - Nancy Hylda

We came away impressed that God is truly hearing the cry of the Haitian people in the Dominican Republic and the time to become involved in revealing His loving plan of salvation to them through durable solar audio devices is at hand.

Thank you, Galcom partners for your prayers and gifts that enable us to respond when the Lord calls. What a blessing to see so many encouraged at the thought of using Galcom radios and audio Bibles to advance the Kingdom. For more information please visit our website via <http://www.galcomusa.com/>.

For the Unreached,

Tom Blackstone,
Exec. Director



*A similar 2017 Galcom USA exploratory trip to Belize has yielded 5 productive radio distribution and/or engineering trips so far. A 6th is planned for Dec. 8-15.

** Josh helped lead our 2017 trip to Oaxaca Mexico.

*** Santiago de los Caballeros is the Dominican Republic's 2nd largest city

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