

Wesley and Melina Lane
Missionaries to Island of Hispaniola
The Nations of Haiti and The Dominican Republic

Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic

October, November, December 2024



Dear Praying Christian Friends,

We started the Haitian church in Santo Domingo by walking through the barrio passing out gospel tracts for several weeks. With some of the people we met, we started meeting in our home nearby for a Wednesday night Bible study. We did not start with a Sunday Service at that time because we were still having our Sundays in the Polo area churches. Then we started borrowing space from a nearby Dominican Baptist church. We finally rented a very small space in the barrio called La Puya and started Sunday church after turning the Polo churches over to local workers. Within six months we had to rent a larger space and finally we purchased and re-modeled a three story building for the church. On Sunday, November 10th we celebrated the 20th anniversary of that church! We still have the very first new convert attending faithfully and many of the original members. We celebrated with more than 300 people, including 85 families, and we dedicated 23 babies to the Lord. Church started at 8AM and the preaching did not start until after 1PM! But Haitians love long church services! We gave away 48 Bibles. The winner of the visitor contest won a toaster by bringing 19 visitors to church over the 15 nights of church services leading up to the big anniversary celebration day. **Many decisions for Christ** were made in the two weeks of nighttime services, including two young people that I had the privilege of praying with at the altar after **Missionary Joshua Lane** preached a powerful message at one of the Thursday night services.

We are still trying to buy land to build a building for the Haitian church in Jarabacoa. Finding affordable land the right distance from our congregation is very difficult and needs your prayer. It is even more urgent now because right now we have a special donor who will double all of the donations toward a land purchase for this church. We do not know how long this door of opportunity will be open so please give something special toward this project soon. Short of a miracle, (and I DO believe in miracles), I cannot imagine finding a piece of land large enough nearby for less than \$100,000 but that is what we are trying to do. Please pray that God will open that door to us quickly.

We have been blessed by having **many people baptized** in the Dominican church in Jarabacoa. Some want to be baptized in the river and others we have baptized in the pool at the youth camp after normal Sunday services. Please pray for two of our young teens, Kevin and Guayan. They have been faithful, but their mother died leaving them with nothing and no one. They are in survival mode, homeless and hungry but they come to church.

The fastest way to send us letters, cards and packages is to send them to our Fort Pierce, Florida address at the bottom of this letter. We only receive mail by missionary plane once a month. The best way to send support is through your local church. Some still send things directly to our mission office in Missouri and then the office sends it to the mail plane in Florida and we get it with the regular monthly mail. However, the mission office of our umbrella missions organization has moved, so today I am taking the time to alert you of some very important information that can affect you concerning our address change. To ensure that all correspondence and support from you arrives as quickly as possible, please note these important directives.

1. Wesley Lane, P. O. Box 191, Springfield Missouri 65801 is still a valid address for letters and cards sent by you via the Mission Office.
2. For packages and/or anything being sent by you to the Springfield missions office that requires a physical address, please use: Wesley Lane, 4100 W. World Mission Ave, Springfield, Missouri 65807
3. For mail in contributions, they should be mailed to: Wesley Lane, Dominican Republic, P.O. Box 802757, Kansas City, Missouri 64180 (make check payable to BBFI and mark it for Wesley Lane).
4. You can also give through our internet portal: <https://bbfimissions.com/missionary/wesley-and-melina-lane>

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support and Merry Christmas to each one of you,
Your Missionaries,
Wesley and Melina Lane

“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.” Acts 5:42

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