



Ministry Update for the Browns  
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## SAN PEDRO



One of most impactful times for us in the DR was a five day mission-within-a-mission trip. Our US team of 19, two local Vida Estudiantil (the name for Cru in the DR) staff and five Dominican students went to Universidad Centro del Este (UCE) in order to launch a Cru ministry there. We used a key volunteer strategy rather than just sharing the gospel (although we saw 5 people come to Christ in San Pedro!) and just tried to identify Christians on campus all week and challenge them to consider leading Cru. We had a huge informational meeting at the end of the week where we invited all of the contacts we had made during the week. More than 40 students were in attendance at the meeting, and leaders emerged and committed to leading and being distance coached. Above is a picture of the new student leaders of Vida Estudiantil UCE planning their weekly meetings for next semester!

We are grateful for the opportunity to help facilitate the start of this ministry, and feel great joy knowing that history will be changed in the city of San Pedro because of the gospel taking root in the minds and hearts of these future leaders.

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## GOD IS AT WORK IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC!



What an incredible time of seeing the Lord work, growing in our faith and growing in community we all had as a team of 19 during the five weeks we served in the Dominican Republic! Our project verse was Romans 8:37-39, and we saw Scripture come to life as we conquered fear of sharing faith in Spanish, scorching 90 degree weather (where we wore jeans daily, which is a cultural norm there) and overcoming our entitlements such as clean tap water. In spite of our team only having one fluent Spanish speaker, in spite of four of our students never having even been on a plane, let alone out of the country...we were blessed to see **OVER THIRTY MEN AND WOMEN BEGIN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST!** We are living proof that miracles happen every day, because only a work of the Holy Spirit could have enabled us to see the results that we saw with our own eyes. Dominicans are hungry for and open to the gospel. The harvest is plentiful!

A personal ministry highlight for Andrew happened in a college classroom. After meeting a girl who was already a Christian, she insisted that Andrew come to her English class to preach. Andrew agreed and

woman at the well and about the living water he offered her. The instructor stood quietly in the back of the classroom. After Andrew finished speaking, she became very emotional. She told him that she was actually from Brooklyn and had left the United States and come to the DR "to run away from God." She told Andrew, "I believe that today God has found me."

We are so grateful that God found each of us, and that we can be catalysts to share His message so others will be found!



Los Tres Ojos: Underground lakes just outside Santo Domingo

## PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Praise the Lord for over 30 people who began a relationship with Christ through our team! Pray that they would each be followed up well and connect to other believers and a gospel centered church.
- Please pray for our final weeks before the start of the semester that we would plan well and seek the Lord's guidance on what He would have us do.
- Please pray for our support. To be fully funded for the upcoming school year, we need to raise \$1,000 in monthly support.

*...in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. —Romans 8:37-39*

Love, Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel