



Greetings from Connie Spring/2018

***Iglesia Evangélica Dominicana
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What a Retreat!

We planned a retreat to have time away from our busy lives to contemplate God's working in our lives. When we approached our location, we found ourselves faced with a problem. We had to enter a shallow river, follow the river 100 yards then exit to the other side. Then we had to continue about a mile along a very muddy and slippery road to get to the 'retreat center.' Since we were in my small truck and a rented mini-van, we made the decision that we could not make it due to the rains that had come the evening before.



Disappointed and trying to think what to do, we heard this vehicle (not sure what to call it) coming down the hill from the other side of the river crossing. We discussed with the young man the chances of my truck making it if I were to cross the river and he said, "Slim to none."

Then he asked if we would like him to take us there and pick us up when we were finished! Oh, God had sent us an angel. What fun we had and when we arrived, we compared it to paradise. It became a wonderful devotion for the day. It was much like life. Filled with challenges and disappointments, but also with joy and surprises. But after it all, our final destination will be worth it!!!!

Ministry of Dance

Dr. David from North Carolina brought us a financial gift last year and I decided to use it to buy new outfits for our ministry team. They work very hard with their presentations in order to help us worship our Lord. Aren't they beautiful?





Return to the United States

The General Board of Global Ministries requires that their missionaries retire at the age of 70. Since I will turn 70 in June, I will be retired from the GBGM as of June 30th. It seems impossible that 17 years have passed since I left my home church Aldersgate UMC, Seminole, Florida, to follow God's call to minister to the needs of children and youth in the Dominican Republic. I am sure there has been a time warp somewhere down the line as I still find it hard to believe that so many years have gone by.

I am most grateful to all the amazing churches that adopted me as one of their missionaries and have so faithfully supported me over all this time! Some have come and gone, but most have been with me the entire time. How blessed I am to have met so many new friends from Indiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and my home state of Florida.

I am so proud to have represented the United Methodist Church in its worldwide ministry. I am very thankful for the work of Community Partners, Inc. (COPA) which does an amazing work with the schools in Bombita and La Hoya. I also count it a great privilege to have been used by God to be involved in a new church start in La Hoya. How I love this precious congregation, mostly made up of young adults who have a passion to reach the youth of their village. They will be in my prayers forever.

Please pray with me that the Iglésia Evangélica Dominicana will find the right person to send to this family of believers so they may continue to grow in their faith and in their ministries.



Medical Teams

Each year four teams from North Carolina come to the Barahona area to do surgeries and take a traveling team of doctors and nurses to surrounding small villages. It is always a highlight for me to be able to help in some small way working in the hospital helping to translate and help them with their work.



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