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The Heart of the Matter



Often we have been discouraged when looking at the state of the average home in the Dominican. This has motivated us to work diligently in equipping families to seek God and grow in their faith. One of the ways we have done this is through our Couples' Valentine's Banquet. It was a thrill this year to see almost all of the couples in the church as well as many regional pastors who were able to come for an evening of gourmet food, games, and sound teaching on the home and marriage. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Please continue to pray for these couples and homes!

Investing in an Eternal Harvest

Matthew 6:19 - "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Both Holly and I were greatly impacted when we were younger and had the opportunity to serve on short-term missions trips. For the last 15 years we have been on the other end, hosting them. In fact, just a few weeks ago we hosted



one of our supporting churches, Harvest Baptist Church, of Acworth, Georgia. The men's work group from Harvest came with the desire to help us complete a few large projects: install a new sound system, pour a new parking lot/basketball court, and build a playground for the kids. These were big tasks, but after 6 days they were all completed, and they even helped accomplish a few more. We were so blessed by the generosity of this church, as well as a few others that made these projects become a reality. Also, we were so very encouraged by the servants' hearts displayed by all on the trip. Who knows, maybe even a future missionary got their first taste of the mission field that week, and one day will be hosting trips of their own!

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