

BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR GOD



Dad & Me

GROWING UP I THOUGHT MY DAD COULD DO ANYTHING! THERE WAS NOT ONE THING THAT I THOUGHT MY DAD COULD NOT FIX. FROM FIXING OUR CARS TO OUR PIPES, GOING TO WORK DAILY AND PROVIDING ALL OUR LITTLE FAMILY'S FINANCIAL NEEDS...BUT SPIRITUALLY, IT WAS MY MOM WHO TOOK MY BROTHER AND I TO CHURCH.

EVERY SUNDAY, SUNDAY NIGHT, AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT, WE WENT TO CHURCH AND DAD STAYED AT HOME. MY DAD WAS A GOOD MAN! A GREAT MAN! A GOOD FATHER AND HUSBAND, GOOD SON, AND WORKER. HE MADE GOOD CHOICES AND HAD GREAT MORALS, BUT HE DID NOT HAVE JESUS IN HIS HEART. IT BECAME THE NORM FOR OUR FAMILY, WITH US GOING TO CHURCH WITHOUT HIM AND IT REMAINED THAT WAY FOR YEARS TO COME. HIS MOTHER AND FATHER WERE CHRISTIANS AND HAD LAID THE FOUNDATION AT AN EARLY AGE, BUT EVERYONE HAS A CHOICE. MY MOM PRAYED FOR 13 YEARS FOR MY DAD TO BE SAVED. ONE EVENING AFTER WE CAME HOME FROM A WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE, MY DAD TOLD US THAT HE HAD GIVEN HIS LIFE TO JESUS- RIGHT IN OUR LITTLE LIVING ROOM.

I HAVE OFTEN THOUGHT OF THAT SCENE IN MY HEAD. THERE WAS NO SERVICE, NO ALTER CALL, NO PASTOR OR LOVED ONE THERE LEADING HIM; JUST HIM AND GOD. GOD MET HIM WHERE HE WAS AND HE ACCEPTED THE AWESOME GIFT OF SALVATION. THAT WAS 26 YEARS AGO. I STILL THINK MY DAD CAN DO ANYTHING; I JUST KNOW HE GETS TO GO TO HEAVEN WITH US NOW TOO.



WELCOME!

JUNE 16, 2024

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM
WORSHIP 11AM
CHILDREN'S CHURCH AGES 3-7
NURSERY 2 & YOUNGER

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

PRIMARY CLASS 3-6
JUNIOR CLASS 7-12
TEEN CLASS 13-17
7 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS



Father's Day Celebration

JUNE 23, 2024

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICE

ZIONS REFUGE BAPTIST CHURCH
1400 LUCAS ROAD PO BOX 3934
MANSFIELD, OH 44903

SENIOR PASTOR DAVID PARSONS
YOUTH PASTOR TIM PARSONS
419-525-0617

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FATHER'S DAY CROSSWORD

Solve the puzzle by writing in the name of the fathers of the sons and daughters given in the clues.

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Down

1. David
 2. Jonathan, Merab, and Michal
 3. Cain and Abel
 4. Simeon Peter
 6. Samuel
 8. John the Baptist
 10. Absalom and Solomon
 13. Rachel and Leah
 14. Shem, Ham, and Japeth
 20. Jehoshaphat
 22. Jesse
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5. Rehoboam
 7. Hezekiah
 9. Moab
 11. Nimrod
 12. Obed
 15. Joshua
 16. Esau and Jacob
 17. Jesus
 18. Isaac and Ishmael
 19. Samson
 21. Joseph and Benjamin
 23. James and John, The sons of thunder

SERMON NOTES



MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT JIM & APRIL STARKEY



BIG NEWS! We're moving to another country!

As you all know, our family has been serving in Haiti since 2019. We love the people there and what we've been able to be a part of there. Recently God has put it on our organizations hearts and ours as well, to move to the Dominican Republic side of the island that Haiti is on. Haiti and the Dominican Republic both share an island called Hispaniola.

RMI will continue to do ministry in Haiti just like they always have. They have an amazing team there doing faithful work. They are now opening up a new field in the DR and sending our family to that side to serve. There is a big need for helping the Haitians over there who have escaped and fled their country that is filled with such turmoil, to the DR for safety. However, they quickly find life is not much better over there for them and so many of them have such heartbreaking stories they have shared with us. Jim has taken a few trips over there recently and has been able to meet with many different Haitian pastors and families to hear their stories and all that they are going through.

WHERE WILL WE LIVE? We will be moving to the city of SANTIAGO! This is towards the northern area of the DR. It has a larger Haitian population in and around the city, with many Haitian churches between the Haitian border and Santiago. Living in Santiago will give us access to good schools for our youngest son as well. April will continue to homeschool the older two boys for now.

Our missionary organization, RMI, is partnering with the Dominican Baptist Convention to come alongside them and work with the Haitians churches and pastors and do ministry with their wisdom and guidance in how culturally things are done there. There is a very REAL and BIG need. There are so many needs physically and spiritually.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE
SUNDAYS 9:15
2ND & 4TH TUESDAYS 7:00PM

PASTOR DAVE'S OFFICE HOURS
THURSDAYS 6-8PM
APPOINTMENT ONLY

MISSIONARY SUNDAY
LAST SUNDAY OF
EVERY MONTH

We will first be figuring out where all of the Haitian churches are, spending time getting to know them and seeing what the needs are. We want to establish a C3 church partnership program in the DR, just like we do with Haiti. We hope to partner both with Haitian and Dominican churches in the DR.

Already we are seeing a huge need for discipleship and pastoral training, medical, construction, and all of the wonderful things our organization has done in Haiti. Equipping the local churches and encouraging them so they are more ready to go out in their local community and share the good news of Jesus and help their communities. Seeing the everyday needs and seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance on a day to day basis on where He wants us to be, what He wants us to do and who He wants us to show His love to that day! Based on what Jim has seen and heard so far, there are a lot of hurting people over there and so we are seeking the Lord on how best to be able to be His hands & feet to them.

WHEN DO WE MOVE AND WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO BETWEEN NOW AND THEN?

With moving to another country, it's going to be a bit more expensive to live there and we have added a new member to our family since we were last on the mission field. For those two reasons, our organization has asked us to raise an additional **\$2,000** in **MONTHLY** support and **\$14,000** in **ONE-TIME** donations before we move first of August, Lord willing.

If you are already a part of our support team, THANK YOU! Please prayerfully consider if you can increase your monthly support to help us reach the \$2,000 more a month we need. If you haven't joined yet, would you please consider doing so? We love to connect with and pray for our support team. We have families, individuals & churches who give various amounts from \$25 to \$500 a month. We want to start doing video chat calls with our support team when we move to the DR, from time to time, to let them see a little glimpse into our life there, hear updates & be able to ask us questions directly.


We would love to meet with you in person or share at your church/small group & share what all we will be doing in the Dominican Republic.



HOW YOU CAN PRAY FOR US:

- Jim & April will be making a trip to the DR soon to look for housing. Please be in prayer for God to lead us to the exact house He has for us.
- For us to find the right school that will be a great fit for Zeke.
- For the financial support to come in that we need, in order to be able to move to the DR.
- For all the details that have to come together between now and August. Shipping all our things, trying to get some of our items from our home in Haiti and learning Spanish as a family.

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