

Dear Sweet Supporters,

October is almost over and i feel like 2019 is right around the corner. I celebrated my THREE years of living, learning and loving people in the Dominican Republic. Year three was marked by being the most difficult in terms of personal life here on the island and back home in the USA. I am here to say, that I have weathered the storm and am now out on the other end!

Thank you for your continual support in prayers and financially. I am thankful for you! This last year would not have been the same without you all. I've written a short [**ShoutOut**] that will give you a **peek into what I've learned** this past year. Its 100% personal and has little to do with updating y'all with ministry news.

<http://shoutout.wix.com/so/a6MQa65vV>

Join me in prayer for some future plans I'm dreaming and praying about:

1. **Discipleship.** I have been asked by El Camino Leadership to coordinate and equip cell group leaders from the barrio. This includes training leaders to lead, visiting each weekly cell group & giving insight on how to counsel hurting people. Join me in prayer as I seek timing and pace from the Lord. My USA pace is always quicker, the results should be timely and it is easy for expectations to NOT be met (in the timing I think it should happen. You see the problem there, yes?) And lets praise God the relationships & my Spanish have progressed to go this direction.

2. **Transportation.** These past years I've gotten by with a small Camry, which has served its purpose well. Pray with me for a vehicle that fits more than five to haul TEARS family members back and forth to church. And for a vehicle that sits up higher for all the pot holes and all those days it floods in the barrio. It's a giant dream, and a bigger wait for the right vehicle, but its on my radar as I continue to do ministry in Maria Auxiliadora.

3. **Grace in community.** I continue to ask the good Lord to increase my capacity to love people. And He has been faithful in this area. To be honest, had my flesh thought through the process, i def would have sat on the bench for this lesson. The way of learning is much more difficult than waving a magic wand. Increasing capacity to love means increasing capacity to forgive and give grace. They go hand and hand, in my opinion. I have learned to love people better by learning how to forgive people. Living in community has been an integral part of my learning. Please pray the Lord would continue to give me a teachable spirit, a soft heart and grace to continue to love and forgive. Pray against apathy and sitting on the sidelines.

It's easy to stay connected with me, as i post up on social networks weekly - facebook, instagram, twitter! Would love to hear from you anytime you want to reach out.

Much Love!

Let Hope Rise!

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