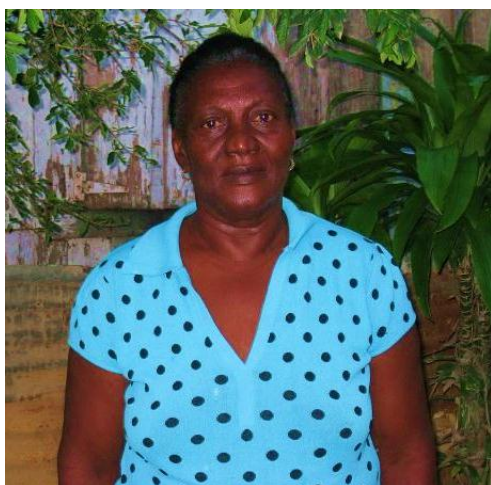


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I've been back in the Dominican Republic now for a couple of months and am settling into my new routine. These women, Jovana, Irene and Jilmary, are professors and physical therapists. All of the professors have full time day jobs as physical therapists and then teach classes in the evenings or on Saturday to educate the up and coming physical therapists at the university. I work together with three professors in clinical training and practical aspects of classes 1 ½ days a week. This term Jilmary has 10 students to supervise the day I am there, which compares to 1:1 in the US for this stage of PT education. It is a pleasure working together with her and the students to help them deepen their skills and critical thinking. Doris and Saleky, two other profs, are enthusiastic about having me help with their classes that need to include more practical time, though we have had some hiccups along the way implementing this. Please pray that the next semester goes more smoothly in these classes and that the students truly benefit from this additional training.



The consolation ministry in Santa Fe unfortunately fell by the wayside while I was back in the US. We are now back up and visiting folks. This picture shows one of the unsung heroes of our community, Luisa. I'd seen her in church most Sundays, but didn't know her. Responding to a tip from a visiting medical team, Lolin and I went to visit an older gentleman who lives alone, next door to Luisa. For the last several months she has provided him food, cleaned his house, done his laundry and helped him with his debilitating medical condition within her ability. She works at the hospital which takes his insurance on the cleaning staff. His family lives in nearby communities but none of them were giving him care or attention. It took over a week after our first visit to get the family mobilized to care for him, but he is now where he

needs to be with the people who should be at his side with him in the hospital. Luisa has truly taken 'being neighborly' to a high level, having taken on the work of caregiver while working and caring for her family as well. I thank God that she responded in love and action to her neighbor's needs. Please join me in praying that God blesses her and helps her to meet her needs, which are many.

Training for new staff in San Pedro and the East is to start in January, which is requiring the design of a curriculum, which has formerly been in the trainer's head. Please pray for the wisdom, strength and love necessary to meet the various responsibilities that I have accepted.

May your Christmas be filled with Christ's spirit!

In peace,  
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