

Cathy's Caribbean Quarterly

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Springtime is here, flowers are blooming and trees are leafing out! God's new creation is once again springing forth. It is a treat for me to experience spring again, since there really aren't seasonal changes in the Dominican Republic. Along with watching the crocuses pushing up, the tulips opening their yellow petals and the dogwoods blossoming as I've gone around the Eastern US a bit, I've had the blessing to speak with other missionaries, PTs and friends. My sense of call has been renewed and I hope you will join me in this next phase of the ministry. God willing, I will return to the DR late summer or early fall to continue working with the physical therapy folks there! In the meantime, I'll be busy visiting churches around Colorado to talk about this ministry and raise support.

Shortly before leaving the DR I led a workshop for a group of therapists and students in the capital (see picture). There was a strong interest and participation level, a distinct improvement over the workshops I gave in 2008. The relationships I've been developing over the years are bearing fruit. The medical director of the ADR has assured me there are many ways they can use my services for years to come. Some of the possibilities include consulting with the physical therapy branches in the east of the country, facilitating the opening and supporting of staff in the newly forming Association Haitienne de Readaptation (a Haitian version of the ADR), working with PT students in the capital and providing the occasional workshop.

Within the community of Santa Fe where I've been living and worshipping, awaits more ministry as well. I envision resuming work with the consolation ministry. I have come to know many people in the community through this ministry and along with Dominican counterparts helped to connect them to available services which they needed as we prayed together.



None of those possibilities can come to pass without your partnership. While my call to continue mission work in the DR is reaffirmed, I need prayers and financial support to put the call into action. Until now gifts have provided for human resources to the DR, namely me, to provide direct patient care, offer a variety of workshops, help train rehab techs in Haiti, console people who were sick and in need in the community of Santa Fe and encourage people in their faith

journeys. Please consider if you are able to join financially in a monthly, quarterly or annual partnership for this next term. Please pray for God to bring the support together which will enable me to return to the field to support and encourage the physical therapy folks of the DR while modeling God's love for each of us. May God bless and guide all you do!

In Christ,
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