



Teaching colors in Tres Brazos

These last three weeks have gone by so quickly! I thank God for safety and good health while serving here in the Dominican Republic.

My schedule is pretty much defined, but still pretty flexible, as is everything working in the Dominican Republic. I spend half of my time in the capital teaching in Tres Brazos and Pantoja and the other half in Yaguata teaching in San Miguel. I am still working on getting a community class started here in Yaguata. Kristin and a few others have been awesome about teaching me the bus system. We travel to almost every school by public transportation. I went for the first time alone last week from Yaguata to San Miguel, and it went ok!

Teaching has been both rewarding and challenging with limited resources and large numbers of students. The last few weeks I have tried to focus on getting used to the schedule and learning ways to manage large class sizes with diverse ages of students. It is a blessing to me to be team teaching with Eryn; she has great ideas, more years of experience of teaching in the states, and she is very organized. We are also able to bounce ideas off of each other and utilize each other's strengths.

I am learning so much about myself, working with others, teaching, and most importantly about God. It has been a blessing studying the Bible and praying with the other full-time people here: Greg, Kristin, and Eryn. This weekend Alberto and Rosalina Martinez, two

of the founders and board members of the Foundation for Peace, were visiting. It was so nice to meet them and share in some good conversations and Bible studies. I enjoyed hearing stories about their missions work in this country, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and the states. They have prepared the way for much work that we are doing today.

Thanks so much for your continued thoughts and prayers this month! I would appreciate if you could continue to lift up the students teachers of the schools we work in as well as Eryn and me.

Please pray:

- for good communication with schools and that we would be able to work together to develop effective behavior management strategies
- for the spiritual lives of the people we encounter
- for the good health and unity of our team

Thanks so much! Dios les bendiga! (God bless you!)

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