



News Flash!

From Mata de Limon in the Dominican Republic - The Time is Now!

“Enlarge the place of your tent; Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, spare not; lengthen your cords and strengthen your pegs. For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left. And your descendants will possess nations and will resettle the desolate cities.”

Isaiah 54:2-3

Taller de Eli



La sabiduría comienza
por honrar al Señor
Proverbios 9:10

New Class Being Added in Fall!

I am very excited to announce that we have opened up another class for 2 1/2 to 3-year-olds. (if their 3rd birthday isn't before October First they will go to the primary class). We still have the morning class as always but are adding the afternoon class to prepare them for the 3,4 and 5-year-old class. So, we will increase our student population to twenty. We are very excited with this new opportunity to reach out to more children in the community. I have three teachers and one student helper in training for teaching for each class. The teachers are very excited about this and working full time. The teachers are all excited about changes we are making. Photos later when the move is complete this week!

Changes at El Shaddai

We also are making some changes to El Shaddai. The office for **Taller de Eli** is being moved to the front bedroom in the main house leaving the office for **El Shaddai** separate in the original office building. The **main, Multipurpose room** has a sitting area to receive visitors. And, host a very special time every Saturday afternoon at 4PM. We have a gathering of believers who come to worship and share a time of studying the Bible together. And then at the back of the room next to the kitchen we have a big table and benches for breakfasts every morning with the students and teachers during the week. The staff and I are thinking of how to name El Shaddai as a missions Center and Taller de Eli and Educational Center. "El Shaddai Educational Center Taller de Eli Mata de Limon" for example or something If anyone of you have an idea how we can name the missions center please email me with your ideas. We will be registering the property with this name.

A point of prayer: The Milagros (the leaders of the church in Manabao) wants us to open a center in Manabao. We are serving several from their community already. The Lord is opening doors and we are continuing to work with her on preparing to open one next year. So with all this excitement from the Lord and His desire to multiply us we have lots to be in prayer about. Which brings me to the next purpose of this letter, we will need to increase the scholarship fund to include the new students. also the teachers will be full-time instead of part-time.

Fundraising Opportunities

One Time Gifts – Uniforms and Backpacks

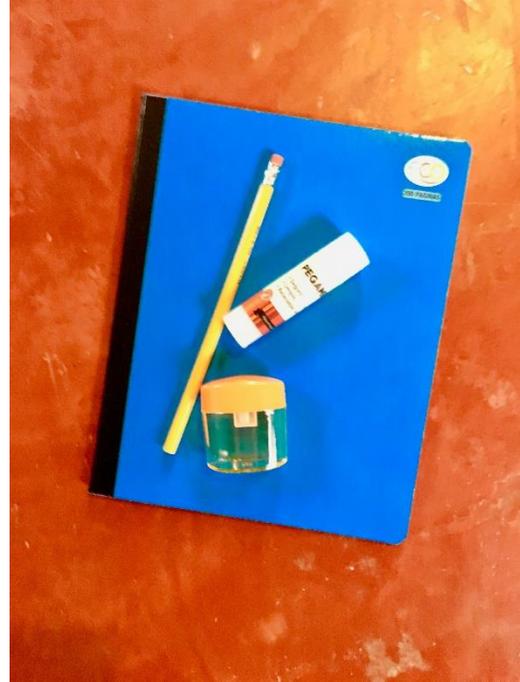
One opportunity for support at any time is through a **one-time gift** to help purchase uniforms with the logo and backpacks for each student. Each backpack will include a notebook, pencil and sharpener, eraser and glue. The use of the notebook is for the students to do their “school work” and for the teachers to communicate with the parents on a regular basis what their child is learning every day. The uniform will also include sport pants and a special shirt with the logo for PE activities scheduled twice a week.

The total cost for the twenty students is \$500 total, which equates to \$25 for each student. We would really appreciate any financial gift you are able to give to meet this need. Give what you are able to give and ask others if they might be able to give something toward the goal of \$500. Thank You! And God Bless You!



The shirts come in three colors. The striped pants are the ones for PE.





The smaller backpacks are for the younger class.

Monthly Offering Gifts – Scholarship Fund

Scholarship needs for this school year will increase to reach twenty children. Last year, we were able to fund all the students for a total of \$875 a month, but this year it looks like we will need **\$1300** to meet the scholarship needs of the students and the increase of the teachers' salaries from part-time to full-time.

Any **monthly amount** that you could commit to assist in paying for these twenty children to attend the school would be much appreciated!

How can I support the ministry?

Prayer Offerings:

- For the start of this year's classes - August 21st, 2018
- New class starting in Manabao next year
- Church gatherings 4pm Saturday afternoons

Financial Offerings:

- **One-time offerings** are always accepted whenever you desire
- **Monthly offerings** are for student scholarships and teacher salaries

Please make your check out to: **Carol F. Stephens**

for: account #70438 and *send me an e-mail to* cfsing4joy@gmail.com, as to how much you deposited and what it is for specifically.

Examples:

- "Taller de Elí scholarship fund"
- "uniforms"
- "Curriculum Translation"
- "El Shaddai Ministry Center"

Please send your donation directly to the Credit Union:

Community First Credit Union of Florida

P.O. Box 43010

Jacksonville, FL 32203

Web site www.CommunityFirstFL.org

Telephone (904) 354-8537

You can also pick up free mail-in deposit envelopes at any branch office. There are branch offices mostly in the Jacksonville, Florida area. They are listed on the web site, go to locations and enter your

location and see if there is anything near you where you could make a deposit.

Also, If your bank is compatible with the Credit Union system (it could be), you can ask them if it would be possible to make deposits on-line from your account.

Thank You so much for your prayers and financial support for this ministry. Let's continue to make a difference for the Kingdom of God in the Dominican Republic!

Be Blessed Today,
In His Service,
Carol