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Luis and I never tire of telling you that we could not be here without you. We are reminded daily of your sacrificial financial gifts to our ministry. We are very grateful for the many ways you encourage us, especially through prayer, words of encouragement, cheering us on in ministry in the Dominican Republic.

We have now been here six years; it is hard to believe. I continue to learn many of the cultural differences between the Dominican culture and the culture in the U.S. Luis helps me be a good learner and how to be sensitive to the cultural nuances between the two countries.

We are sending this letter out early this year. This is our yearly letter where we present our ministry financial needs for the coming year. The reason for the early letter is that we would like to raise finances for gifts for the 500 kids we relate to. Their Christmas Day actually falls on January, 6, called “Día de Los Reyes”, the day the three kings from Persia came to Herod looking for the newborn king. It is the biggest day of the year for them.

Two of our greatest challenges in our ministry is one: we are the only full-time missionaries in our area, a non-tourist town. The other Dominican workers have to hold down another job to make ends meet. This has given us a heavy workload, that we count a privilege. At the same time, it has provided us with many opportunities to reach out in other areas of society to teach and minister, not just in the area of baseball.

The second challenge is that we, unlike when living in NY, Cru (Campus Crusade) provided funds for our projects and for the people we invited to give conferences for training. Here, we are responsible to cover the expenses for people we invite from other parts of the country to help us with conferences on Family Life, Biblical theology, character development, etc. We cover their expenses for transportation, lodging, meals, rental of the conference hall, refreshments, etc. We would like to hold these conferences at least four times a year.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to list our financial needs for the coming year:

- gifts for the children on January 6, “Día de Los Reyes, \$3.00 per gift=\$1,500.
- Luis is a tailor by profession. Making jerseys and caps for 500 youth @ \$10.00 per youth=\$5,000.
- Trophies and medals for baseball players who have achieved professionalism and good character on the ball field: \$1,000.
- Expenses for national staff we invite to hold conferences: \$2,000.
- Breakfasts and dinners to share the Gospel with Judges, Detectives, Army Generals, and Police Officials: \$2,500.
- Our daily living expenses.

We are so glad to be here. God is doing much and there is much to do. Thank you for your partnership with us.

We have enclosed a support envelope, as the Lord leads you to be a part of our financial needs and challenges for the coming year.

Love, Luis and Julie

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“Nearly all the wisdom we possess, that is to say, **true and sound wisdom**, consists of two parts: The knowledge of **God** and of **ourselves.**” John Calvin, *The Institutes*