PIERRE



Ketly & Vital Pierre

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

LANGUAGE

Spanish

MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Discipleship, Evangelism, Short-Term Mission Engagement

BIRTHDAYS

Ketly 9/1 Vital 6/15







ABOUT

KETLY and VITAL work with the Alliance of Baptist Churches within the Haitian community of the Dominican Republic (DR). They strengthen, encourage, and plant new churches and disciple new and existing members. Through Vision Integral Community Center, which they envisioned, built, and continue to direct, they provide

services in La Romana, especially to the Haitian immigrants. They also teach pastors and leaders of local congregations how to start and build-up a broad range of outreach ministries in their communities. Additionally, they serve as a link, matching volunteer groups from the United States and Puerto Rico with churches and ministries on the east coast of the Dominican Republic. Finally, they aim to promote cross-cultural ministry from the DR to the world.



MINISTRY STORY

When we walk with the "least of these," we walk with the Lord (Matthew 25:40). I, Ketly, have been accompanying Loraine, an immigrant woman who was diagnosed with breast cancer. She is a mother of three who is without resources and insurance. As her chaplain, I have been praying with Loraine, going to the hospital with her and fundraising among our brothers and sisters in the U.S., Puerto Rico, and Dominican Republic to pay for her treatment. At the same time, Vital, through our community center, has been providing for her legal needs.

During her illness, Loraine's passport expired, and with it her legal permission to work. Her family was using their resources to help pay for her medical needs, so they could not pay the costly fee to renew the passport. For Loraine and other immigrants like her, our community center offers a food pantry and helps with legal papers and other physical needs.

Many immigrants desperately need to eat and file paperwork before finding work. Through my chaplaincy work and Vital's work at the center, we minister to the whole person: spiritual, physical and emotional. The body of Christ, all of us together, can alleviate this pain and need. We are asking you to be part of this vision. As we accompany those in need, you can take part in this journey by praying for the Haitian immigrants and the Dominicans.



Ketly worships God during a church service.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for God's Spirit in our lives to touch and heal those we meet spiritually, emotionally and physically.

Pray for the financial resources for the chaplaincy program, food pantry and other needs in the community center.

Pray for people who are being discipled so that they can be a blessing to others by starting new ministries in their midst.

SCRIPTURE

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, ... I was a stranger and you invited me in The King will reply, ... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:35,40 (NIV)

