

## meet ROBIN SWEITZER



## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



## her story

Robin was raised in New Castle, PA and has attended The Bible Chapel since 2008. The Lord had been drawing Robin into ministry with orphans and vulnerable children for many years. This passion was kindled during a college internship at an orphanage in Romania in 1997. Robin has degrees in Bible and Missions and a Master's degree in Applied Developmental Psychology. She was a leader in The Bible Chapel's Foster Care and Adoption Ministry and worked full-time with young children with developmental delays. She also traveled internationally on many occasions to support the work of children's ministries in various countries.

Starting in January 2017, Robin served for two years in Kenya with Kids Alive International, a missions agency dedicated to rescuing orphaned and abandoned children in the name of Christ. She has now committed to career service with KAI in the Dominican Republic. Robin will be serving at Kids Alive's Palo Blanco school in Jarabacoa where she will assist with the implementation of a Trauma-Informed Care Program to train the staff on how to care for children with traumatic pasts. She will also be involved in youth Bible studies, mentoring Junior High girls along with other responsibilities. Robin's goal is to offer the hope of Christ to children coming from difficult situations and empower the staff to be the hands and feet of Christ to hurting children.

## recent prayer requests

### Praise

**SAFE ARRIVAL IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC!**  
On January 17, Robin arrived safely in the Dominican Republic. After a quarantine period (which was spent in a fellow global worker's apartment who is currently in the U.S.), Robin was able to visit the Kids Alive School in Palo Blanco and help some of the teachers with various tasks like food distribution and preparing homework for the students.

Robin began tutoring in Spanish with an employee from the school, as well as visiting neighborhood Bible clubs for teen girls with another global worker. She will also begin to move into her new apartment this Friday. She thanks God that Kelsey and Luis Miguel, were able to find her a wonderful apartment and take her shopping Saturday for furniture and kitchen appliances (apartments come completely unfurnished - no stove, refrigerator or anything!).

### Prayer Requests

**PRAISE** for safe arrival in the DR and being able to ease back into the culture due to the quarantine.

**PRAISE** for global workers in the DR who have been such a support to Robin by providing a place to live, helping her shop, helping with getting her car fixed and so many other things! She feels so blessed!

**PRAYER** as Robin struggles to communicate in Spanish. After 7 months of dormancy in the U.S., her Spanish needs to recover! She is limited in what she can do until my Spanish improves. She is aiming to be fully functional by August!

**PRAYER** for the courage to reach out to build relationships (both with Dominicans and other missionaries). Robin tends to be reserved in a new environment, but building relationships is so critical to both the work in the Dominican Republic and, of course, her emotional health!