

Cathy's Caribbean Quarterly

Dear Bonnie,

July 9, 2014

Victoria "Lila" Freeman reading the lesson for morning devotions at convention 2014.



Every church has someone like Lila. Early on in my time I learned that Lila was the mistress of the keys to the church, in part because she lived close by but also because she was involved in so much. She cleaned the church, whether it was her turn or not. She's the one who filled our tank with water, so there would be water available on Sundays for hand-washing and flushing the toilet. She sang with gusto with Las Chicas Nices, coordinated the ministry schedule, was a DOK and made sure her many grandchildren came to church. As with all of us, she could have disagreements with folks, one of which lasted quite a while. Easter Sunday was special in many ways. We had several baptisms, but additionally the Holy Spirit brought a long awaited reconciliation between Lila and another member of the congregation. Two days later, our Lord took her home. As most days, she was up early, saw her youngest daughter off to the bus for work before telling her oldest daughter that she was not feeling well. By 7 am, the news was spreading around Santa Fe. No longer would we have Lila at our side. While her absence is felt, we are thankful to have had the pleasure of knowing and loving her. Please pray for reconciliation between parties in dispute.

The time has come for me to plan a few months back in Colorado, visiting my supporters around the state and sharing in person about what God has been doing the past 3 years here in the DR, while seeing how God has been working there. God willing, I'll be back near the end of August and plan to return to the DR after Christmas. I look forward to reconnecting with you, if at all possible, during the fall term. Please pray with me for preparations for this home ministry assignment as I also attend to ministries here.

May your ears and eyes be open to God at work in your midst!

Reynaldo,

In Christ,
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Fr. Felix is anointing my godson,
with oil to seal his baptism.