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## A JOURNEY OF FAITH, SURVIVAL, AND HEALING: PASTOR GELIN'S STORY

When our Spring 2025 newsletter went out, Pastor Gelin had just arrived in the Dominican Republic seeking urgent medical treatment for a tumor found in his abdomen. What followed was an incredibly difficult and faith-testing journey—one marked by danger, uncertainty, and ultimately, God's provision.

Before we share more, it's important to understand the harsh reality Haitian people face in the Dominican Republic. Due to longstanding tensions, Haitians are largely unwelcome in the DR except for brief shopping trips to buy essential supplies. In recent months, the Dominican government has launched an aggressive deportation campaign, targeting all Haitians in the country without official documentation.

Despite these challenges, on April 7th, Pastor Gelin made his way across the border, hoping for help. The journey was treacherous. He was stopped at eight police checkpoints and forced to pay over \$420 in bribes just to continue on. When he finally reached the private clinic, (Centro Medico Quirugico, in Mao Valverde) he was met with disappointment. The first doctor ran tests and x-rays, only to tell him he couldn't help. A second doctor also declined to take on his case, referring him to an abdominal surgeon who only came in on Fridays. Gelin would have to wait another week.

After his first clinic visit on April 8th, it became clear that Gelin needed to stay in the DR. Thankfully, his brother Mycial, who works as an electrician and holds a valid visa, welcomed him into his home. But Gelin was far from safe. The neighborhood was subject to frequent police raids, with officers actively removing undocumented Haitians. Gelin lived in constant fear, sometimes fleeing in the middle of the night to avoid deportation. Many of you have been praying for his safety—and we believe those prayers made all the difference.



Eventually, the abdominal specialist agreed to take on Gelin's case. Surgery was scheduled for May 15th. By God's grace, the operation was a success. The tumor was fully removed and sent to a U.S. lab for further analysis. Gelin remained under care at the clinic until May 22nd, when he was discharged and moved to a safe house in a gated community, where local police are not allowed to enter. This new location, close to the clinic, allows him to continue follow-up visits in peace and safety. He's staying with a kind family and finally able to get the rest he so badly needs.

Throughout this ordeal, Pastor Gelin has never wavered in his faith. He continues to give thanks to God for His mercy and protection. He's been able to stay in daily video contact with his wife, Guerline, and their three children—Tracy, Djeyson, and Leysson—drawing strength from their love and prayers. He asks that we continue to pray: for healing, for protection, and for a safe return to his family in Haiti.

We are also deeply grateful to Pastor Judelin for his tireless help—coordinating communication, transferring funds, and caring for Gelin's wife and children during this time.

The total cost of Gelin's treatment—surgery, doctor visits, medications, hospital stay, and recovery housing—will come to about **\$17,500**. With no insurance or savings, this kind of care would have been impossible for Gelin and his family. But through your generosity and the grace of God, Turning Point Missions has stepped in to cover the cost.

To preserve our mission project funds, we're asking you to prayerfully consider making a special gift toward Pastor Gelin's medical expenses. Two of our supporters have pledged to cover any remaining balance, but we need your help to lighten that burden. If you'd like to contribute, please write "Gelin" or "medical" in the memo line of your check so we can be sure your donation is used for that purpose.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you. Your prayers, compassion, and support are making a life-changing difference.

We'll continue to keep you updated on Pastor Gelin's recovery.

With gratitude and blessings,  
*The Turning Point Missions Team*



*Pastor Gelin's children, from left: Tracy, Leysson, Djeyson*

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