

CDP International Mission Trip 2010 Report

Laboring with the Lord in the Dominican Republic

During the week of July 20th a team of twelve persons from the CDP District of the Church of God went to the Dominican Republic for 8 days. This was our second trip to the Dominican Republic as a CDP International Mission Team.

Our return to the Dominican Republic, after serving there two years ago, served to strengthen our relationships with the Pastors and their congregations. This time of mission work in the Dominican Republic, on behalf of the CDP, also provided an opportunity for us to work along side new Church plants and to minister to these congregations and evangelize their surrounding communities with the services we provided.

Several Churches in the CDP supported this mission effort with financial gifts and supplies. Others covered us in prayer. Funds were used to purchase food and additional funds will be used to help with another Church expansion in the Dominican Republic.



Old Church Building

A highlight of the Mission Trip included ministering out of the new Church building that was funded by the CDP two years ago with \$10,000.

Our team was small compared to the previous 2 years, but impactful; we adopted the name, The Twelve Disciples. The CDP



New Church Building

Mission trip to the Dominican Republic was very effective in establishing a strong relationship of ministry between the Church of God in the Dominican Republic and the CDP.

Each day began with devotion around breakfast. We travelled to the different villages in the Dominican Republic and preached the Gospel, conducted children's ministries, and provided clothes and food for distribution to those most in need. We also provided medicines for the doctors working with the Pastors to conduct a medical clinic.

While working with the children, we conducted



puppet shows, taught Bible Lessons, created Arts and Crafts, and engaged the children in fun

games. We also distributed supplies, which consisted of a draw-string book bag, a Bible, a notebook, and pencils.



Since there was a great need for food and clothes in three of the communities we served, we were able to make care bags of food and clothes available, which were distributed to the pastors of each church to give to their congregation. The care bags of food included rice, oil, pasta, crackers, seasoning, two cans of sardines, a can of vegetables and a bag of beans.



We also provided over the counter and prescribed medicine to Pastor Juan Santos to make available to their doctors to conduct a medical clinic. The Medical Clinic we learned after returning was conducted the very next Sunday and the clinic saw over 1,000 people.



During the evenings the preaching ministers preached at 4 of the 5 Churches. Rev. Alice Lewis of Celebration Church at Columbia, MD and

Pastor Bob Washington of Celebration Church at Monroe St., Baltimore, MD preached powerful and inspiring messages from the Word of God that touched many lives. They preached 2 services each.



Background

***On day one**, we were greeted at the Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic airport by Pastor Leonardo Ramirez and a team of brothers from both his Church and Pastor Juan Santos Church. They took us to the hotel where we stayed and we prepared for our Mission effort.*

***On day two**, we served in a severely poverty stricken village named La Rivera. During our previous trip to the Dominican Republic, the team blessed the growing ministry of Pastor Amaury Abreu, the Senior Pastor in La Rivera, with money to build a new sanctuary. We were overjoyed to see the new sanctuary. While we were there, we conducted children's ministry, which included a puppet show, a Bible lesson, and arts and crafts. We also made food and clothes available for distribution for the families in La Rivera. During the evening we worshiped with pastor Amaury and his congregation in the midst of a monstrous storm. We had a partial candle light service because the electricity flickered on and off, but nevertheless Rev. Alice Lewis preached a powerful word that night and many souls were won for Christ.*

***On day three** we had the opportunity to serve in a backyard church in a town named Villa Juanna. We arrived early in the afternoon to conduct a children's*

ministry and made care packages of food and clothes available for distribution. We remained in Villa Juanna for an evening service. It was evident that everyone received a word from the Lord through Rev. Alice Lewis.

***On our fourth day**, the team divided in two teams and served in two different locations, Los Palmares and Perla. We conducted children's ministries in both locations and made care packages of food available for distribution to the people. After the children's ministries the team in Perla met up with the other team in Los Palmares. As a group, we provided medical supplies to the Church at Los Palmares so that they could conduct a medical clinic with their doctors.*

***On day five**, we made the observation that the Dominican Republic is a beautiful island with beautiful beaches all over, so on day four we rested from our hard work and visited an amazing beach named Boca Chica. We had a great time of swimming, relaxing on the beach and negotiating with salespersons who approached us to purchase their goods while we were on the Beach.*

***On Day six**, we worshipped with Pastor Leonardo Ramirez's church in the morning and we worshipped with Pastor Juan Santos in the evening. At both services, Pastor Bob Washington brought a powerful Word that touched the hearts of many for Christ. Many people heard God's call on their life and accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior and responded by faith to walk in the favor of God.*

***Day seven**, in the Dominican Republic was a tremendous blessing. We started it with serving at Haras Nacionales, where we conducted an exciting, energy filled children's ministry and made clothes and food available to the Pastor to distribute. The kids were overjoyed to see us and interact with us. After our last children's ministry we journeyed to the beach again under the escort of Pastor Juan Santos and his family for the last time and we had a great time.*

***On Day eight**, we headed home to the U.S. The Lord blessed us.*