

## Getting Started

On Monday August 20, 2007, Rob and Tina Iannone, two willing servants, will travel to the small Caribbean island of Hispanola where they will start a new life as full-time missionaries. Our ministry will primarily be located in and around the small town of Sosua, Dominican Republic. Tina and I have been involved in short-term mission trips to this area since 2004 and have felt the calling of God on our lives in service to Him as full-time missionaries to the people of the Dominican Republic. Our commitment is to love and serve Christ faithfully. Tina will be leaving her job of almost 20 years and I will be leaving my job of almost 18 years to answer the call that God has placed in our hearts. The work that God has called us to do will be hard. Our work will primarily focus in the Village of Redemption, which has a combination of Haitian refugees and native Dominicans residing there in small concrete and wooden homes with tin roofs. The majority of these people do not have electricity or running water in their homes. The lack of clean water and a proper sewer system keeps disease ever present. The average wage for a man is \$6.00 per day for 10 hours of work. Sadly though, the cost of living is similar to

the U.S. For example, gas is \$4.60 per gallon in the Dominican Republic. It is very difficult for local people to afford medical care for their sick children and they often go untreated. The climate does not help as it is humid, hot and dry for most of the year, except during the rainy season when their homes and streets are flooded and mosquitoes are in full season. People are very poor and have innumerable needs and above all need to be loved into the Kingdom of God. James 2:15,16 says, "If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?"



## The Mission and Purpose

### BECAUSE FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD! James 2:26

The purpose of this ministry is to evangelize people in the Dominican Republic who are unreached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and support those who are already faithfully serving as Church leaders, Pastors, and Missionaries. We will be working along side The Samaritan Foundation, which has been serving and operating in the Dominican Republic for over 20 years. Their ministries include building homes for those who cannot afford a house, foster care



for malnourished babies, feeding ministries for poor villages, providing basic medical treatment, hosting short-term mission teams,

providing training for young village men to get better jobs, supporting and helping the local Pastors and Churches and much more. While Tina and I will help with these ministries, our primary focus will be in the area of building relationships and loving people for the purpose of sharing the Gospel. There is an old saying, "in order to share you have to show that you care." Tina and I believe that by building relationships and meeting some of their physical and emotional needs we can make a difference for Christ in these poor communities that are without **hope**. Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." John 21:16. We know that we cannot cure all the ills of a deprived country like the Dominican Republic, but we can love and care for God's people one person at a time.

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I Lord. Send me!" — Isaiah 6:8*

**Willing Servant Ministries** is a non-profit organization. We, the Iannone's are committing our lives and hearts to the ministry God has called us to in the Dominican Republic.

We will only be able to do this with **faithful supporters** who generously give prayerfully and financially to further the Good News! While we leave our family,

friends and church behind, we know that God will continue to accompany us in the future as He has done faithfully in the past. Together we look forward to this new venture in our lives and would appreciate it greatly if you would partner with us in showing the love of Christ to those in desperate need. With your help we can bring the "Light of the Son" into their dark and hopeless lives.

**Romans 10:15** says: *And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news."*

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