

First Mission Team Of The Year

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

March started off with a mission team of 10 wonderful people coming from Clearview Community Church, Staynor – Ontario, Canada. This group came to be an encouragement and they were exactly that. In their week we saw them pour out their hearts with the love of Jesus. Clearview ministered to over 300 children with songs, dramas, and giving of food, juice, gifts and love. They attended Church in the Woods and encouraged the congregation there with their songs and powerful testimonies. It was great to see them visit an orphanage and pour out their love on the severely handicapped children there. They visited our clinic in Esperanza bringing us much needed medical supplies. Their main project was in a village called La Vigia where we are partnering with the church there. The team fundraised enough money to sponsor and help build a bathroom, septic tank, rain water catching system, windows and doors and smooth coat for the inside of the church. Their activities on the job site were wheel barrowing, shoveling, picking, mixing cement, smoothing out cement, carrying cinder blocks, sifting sand, cementing blocks, and various other heavy labor. While they worked they did it with joy and happy smiles. The Pastor of the church said “we were truly blessed by this team and their wonderful love that they poured out on our community”. On the teams last day in La Vigia they went door-to-door with the

Pastor praying for people in the community for healing and salvation.

We want to say a huge thank you to Carl Patterson, James Taylor, Abigail Roche, The Dyer family, Joshua Fitchett-Moore, Abigail Zantingh and Amanda Dixon. Your commitment to us and the ministry we carry out here on the North Coast of the Dominican Republic is changing and blessing lives!!! **THANK YOU!**



More Helping Hands

March 10 – 16 brought us two more wonderful volunteers from Georgia. Megan Andrews a pharmacy technician/spanish student and Amanda Lamke a nursing student, came for a week to volunteer with us and work in our medical clinics. They were a blessing to us and to our patients. Megan worked in the pharmacy using her knowledge of medicine and spanish to help out and Amanda worked with our nurses, taking weight and blood pressure. Megan shared this “ I had such an incredible week in the DR that I did not want to leave. It was so amazing to see what God has done and all the work He continues to do through Willing Servant Ministries. The people that I interacted with were so gracious and unbelievably grateful. This was such a humbling experience for me, and I was able to learn so much and gain a new perspective on life”.



Mission Experiences

Volunteer Amanda Dixon (pictured right) shares about her one week mission trip.

The Dominican Republic is a beautiful country, filled with lush vegetation, and some of the nicest people you will ever meet. Unfortunately this place also suffers from the worldwide issue of poverty. People are forced to live in tiny shacks made of scrap metal and whatever else they can find. These shacks leak when there is rain and are not safe from wild creatures and robbers. When God sent me to this place, I did not know what I was going to see. I had never been on a mission trip before, and I was very scared, but the Lord worked through me and all of my team to do His works. I learned how enjoyable it is to work for the Lord and as a bonus, the people were some of the most amazing people I have met. They welcome you, even when you are a complete stranger. I was received as though I were family. It touched me to know how the Pastora spent months of praying, fasting, and sleeping on the church floor, to be told that we were coming to help them. I will never forget that baby that I held in La Vigia, and how her grandmother was willing to let me. They will forever be in my prayers. I remember the children at the orphanage, the hardest place for me of the week. They go through so much just to survive each day. I will never look at my problems the same way; instead I will see them as obstacles that God has placed in my life for a reason. Lastly, I remember my testimony and when our team leader, Carl Patterson, told me I was going to be giving my testimony, I thought he was crazy. But I gave it and I felt God speak through me and I now have a newfound confidence that I will take with me now, everywhere I go.



Prayer Requests :

- 1) **Pray for sponsorship for the clinics – we need advocates back home !**
Please consider doing a fundraiser for the medical clinics of Paraiso and/or Esperanza.
- 2) **Pray that the Lord continues to bless us with protection, good health and strength.**
- 3) **Pray for lost souls – that the light of Christ would shine through a dark and hopeless view.**



Willing Servant Ministries is a non-profit tax-exempt Christian organization established by and for Rob and Tina Iannone to carry out the mission that God has called us to in the Dominican Republic. We will be working to further the gospel and help those in need physically, mentally and spiritually. We are able to continue to touch lives for Christ because of **Faithful Supporters** who generously give to further the Good News! Thank you for your love and support in the past and for the days to come. May God richly bless you!!

Then I heard a 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

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