

The Work Continues

A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

April and June brought the first 2 Mission Direct teams of the year. These teams from England just keep coming year after year and are so generous in blessing the poor here in the Dominican Republic. They sponsored many children to go to school and brought donations for those schools. They fed villages of poor people and visited the local hospital to pray for the sick. They held babies and played with children who so need the love and affection. They visited churches and various other ministries here, encouraging people everywhere they went. Two families received homes as a result of their generosity and giving hearts. Can you imagine growing up in a shack that has no power or water or bathroom and thinking that you will never be able to live anywhere else? That is what happens here because the people are sometimes so poor all they can see is what they have and most times

what they have is very little. When we move these families all their belongings usually fit into the back of a pick-up truck. **Can you imagine?!** I live here and have seen this type of living for almost 5 years and I still have a hard time imagining that!

My favorite times with these teams are when we show the Jesus film. It is a very powerful movie. We saw over 40 people accept Jesus as Savior as a result of these 2 teams faithfulness in following God's call to help the poor and needy.

We thank God for these teams who generously give their time, energy, and money to come and partner with us in ministry here on the North Coast of the Dominican Republic. **Lives are being changed and blessed!!!**

Times Of Refreshing!

Being in full-time ministry here in the Dominican Republic can be very exhausting. We all need to be refreshed from time to time and God knows just when we need it. In May we were blessed to be able to go to Canada and share about our ministry. First in Woodland Christian school, then in Clearview Community Church and lastly at Koinonia Church in Waterloo. We were encouraged by the response of the people in these places. A huge blessing is that we were able to spend time with Levi and Amanda Denbok and help with and attend their beautiful wedding. In Canada we were blessed by so many and their generosity towards us was overwhelming, we felt so loved. We want to say thank you to the families that gave us places to stay and loved us beyond what we deserve while we were there. Thank you to John and Liliana Nakonechny, Oto and Liz Perez, Jodi and Carl Patterson. More thanks to Lesly Perez for the cookies and to David Pacheco for driving us to the airport. Thank you to everyone who attended the fundraiser for the DR at Koinonia church, it was great to see you all there! When we returned to Florida the blessings continued as we were able to speak at various churches, youth groups, Sunday schools and our supporter get-together. Then we went to Mississippi

and Tennessee to visit two families whom we love dearly and to speak at their churches. In Miss. we saw Pastor Danny and Linda Pinter and were blessed to share to their church about God and His ministry. From there we went to Tennessee to see Pastor Tommy and Margaret Dove. They showed us around Nashville and we also got to spend time with Erin and Amanda, their daughters. Then we got to speak at the 2 Sunday services at Grace Place! This is where the Holy Spirit got a hold of us. The worship at this church is so powerful. As I spoke about the ministry I was fighting back tears, I cry when the Holy Spirit is really strong. Thank you to The Pinter's and Dove's for their hospitality and love for the Lord. We returned to Florida and had a blessed time with family and friends before returning to the Dominican Republic. We want to say thank you to Louise Watkins, Tina's mom, for housing us and to our son, Chris for driving us to the airport. A special thanks to Scot and Aleta Harper for generously letting us use their car. There is so much more to say and so many more to thank but only so much space to write. God is so good to us and loves us so much. There are a lot of people who need times of refreshing and God wants to refresh them through His people. Reach out and refresh someone today !

Mission Experiences

Volunteer Poppy Noot - davies (pictured right) shares about her one week mission trip. When people ask me to describe my recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic, the only thing I can say is absolutely incredible! The experience out lived all my expectations and I really did gain more than I gave. The people out there are so welcoming, so happy and beautiful inside that it is really humbling that you cannot help but be changed by your experiences out there. I personally came back as a slightly different person. Spiritually the experience made me grow. The presence of God in the DR is undeniable, and to experience the presence of God so simply, in the absence of first world issues, was so refreshing! It really did take me back to basics and made me reassess my faith. I cannot pick one favorite part of my trip because all of it was so fantastic and eye opening but being able to help build a house for someone with my own hands and having the opportunity to spend time with such inspirational people truly was an honor.

I now know that this is just the beginning of my mission experiences and within a few days of returning to England I was already looking into mission trips for next year, in various different countries. I really have caught the bug and cannot wait to return!



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.**
- 4) **Pray for Lisa Harris, Tina’s sister for healing.**



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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