

Missions of Compassion

We have found that there are many needs in the Dominican Republic just as there are in a lot of places, but here there is no social system in place. We have encountered many people who need medical attention, medicine or help with transportation to the medical facilities. Isabel has varicose veins and needed to go to the clinic for treatment of many large ulcerated sores on her left leg. Gabriel, an elderly man living in Redemption needed medicine he couldn't afford to buy and help with transportation to and from the hospital after having a stroke, and of course do not forget Rosemary who had her foot caught in the spokes of a moving motorcycle. There are two mission clinics in the nearby area and one of those clinics is where Tina has been volunteering for 2 months assisting the doctor and working in the pharmacy every Monday and Thursday afternoon. She sees many illnesses including AIDS/HIV, skin and fungal infections, people with parasites and sick babies. In our day-to-day work we doctor up many children with infected cuts and scrapes, deliver medicine to those who cannot do for themselves and whatever else God puts in front of us to do. Recently, we were led to a 5 year old boy named Marquito who lives with cerebral palsy and epilepsy. He has never spoken, eaten solid food, walked or even crawled. When we first met Marquito and his mother Maleni, he was having many seizures a day. Marquito has been prescribed two different medications to control his violent seizures but when we met him, he was not taking any medication because his mother could not afford to buy the next supply. Maleni is not able to work because of the



constant care needed by Marquito and Marquito's father is not with them because he wanted nothing to do with a "damaged" son. The medication that Marquito needs costs \$60 dollars for a one month supply and we felt the Lord lay this need on our hearts so we shared it with a visiting team from Canada. David Sawler from this team donated a 2 month supply for Marquito, so off to the pharmacy we went.

Praise God for provision for His children. We have been looking in on Marquito and his mother frequently and he is doing much better. His seizures are less frequent and also less severe. Lili, who is a missionary here from Canada visits Marquito every Tuesday to give him physical therapy (pictured center) and teach his mother to help her son. She massages his body and exercises his legs and arms. Lili is able to speak fluent Spanish and shares basic care tools with Maleni. I was trying to think of what it would be like to be the mother of such a

child, in a poor community with few options. When she could not purchase the medicine and all she could do was hold her son as he had one violent seizure after another, what she must have been feeling many of us cannot fathom. We want you to know that Maleni is a wonderful mother and she loves Marquito with all her heart. I have learned that the most powerful tool we have is prayer. Please pray for Marquito and Maleni and that God will continue to supply their needs. We thank God that He has led us here to be His hands and feet for those in need. "But there for the grace of God, go I."



Opportunity Through Learning

We have started another English class and we have been blessed to be able to hold it in the school in Villa Nazaret, which was founded by Kim and Josie Pensinger, missionaries from Vermont. It is nice to have class in a classroom that is designed for learning. Every Wednesday from 4:00pm to 5:30pm we instruct the students on how they can teach themselves to speak English. We help with materials, pronunciation and encouragement. We have 8 students in this session including 3 schoolteachers, and a Pastor. We are hoping that the 3 teachers will be able to use what they are learning to teach their students the basics of English in the future. We have our friend and brother in Christ, Bernard, helping us with translation right now because we are not yet fluent in Spanish and the students are beginners in English. Bernard was born in Haiti and came to the Dominican Republic 5 years ago seeking a better life than he had in Haiti and speaks Spanish, French, Creole and English fluently. We are blessed to have him working with us, God puts the right people in our paths to accomplish His will. We are also still teaching English on Sunday afternoons to a group of 5 Haitian men and they are making great progress. Opportunities of better jobs open up in the tourist areas with the knowledge of the English language and we thank all of you who enable us to provide these opportunities of learning.



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God Sends Special People

There are times when God sends people into our lives and we have no idea how much they are going to bless us. There is a family here from Canada that has blessed our lives in so many ways. John is a schoolteacher in Canada and he and his wife Lili felt led by the Lord to spend a one year sabbatical here in the Dominican Republic working with local ministries. Lili was born in Mexico so the whole family speaks fluent Spanish – WOW, what a blessing ! They have 3 wonderful children- two daughters, Zavyith who is 11 and Rebecca who is 9. Their son, Gabriel is 10. John, Lili and the children help in many areas including translation, helping with mission teams, visitation of sick people, and tutoring for children who are challenged with their learning. Most of all they are just good people and good friends. When you pray, please include this family in your prayers. They will be returning to Canada in June and they will be missed.



Points of Interest :

1) We can host your short-term mission team. We need your help ! Please e-mail us if you have any interest in bringing a team to help with the work that is being accomplished in the Dominican Republic. 2) In February, Tina went to the U.S. for a 9 day visit and when she returned she brought 2 of our friends back with her. Scot and Aleta Harper came for a short but blessed 6 day visit. 3) **Updates:** We continue to install cement gutters in Redemption and it is going well. Rosemary continues to heal well, but still has several months to go. We continue to worship and serve in the church El Buen Samaritano. Tina gives the invocation and Rob is part of the technical team for the morning English worship service.



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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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