

Unexpected News

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. James 1: 2 - 3

July brought some shocking news into our lives. Tina was getting some routine tests done at the hospital here in the Dominican Republic and she thought I should see a doctor also as I had been feeling dizzy and tired. The doctor ran a few tests including a CT scan. He was looking to see if I had a parasite in my brain. The CT scan showed that I have hydrocephalus (water on the brain). A shocker for sure but the real shock was that the doctor said that the only way to fix this condition was to have a shunt inserted into my brain! Really! Brain surgery! After seeing many doctors in the DR and many in Florida, I have decided that the best course of action is to have the surgery December 19, 2012 in Daytona Beach, Florida. The good news is that the doctors say that I will be able to continue the mission work that God

has given us in the Dominican Republic. Praise God because there are many here suffering and in need! Life can and usually does change in an instant. Do not take life, your family, your friends or your faith in Jesus for granted. I am so thankful for all the support from my friends and family, especially my wife! She has been a huge blessing and support through this time of trial. Most of all I thank God for saving me. My faith in Jesus has given me peace in this time of trial. I have felt His love with me the whole time. I am totally trusting in the Lord and thank Him every day for His never-ending love for me, even though I do not deserve it! Praise God from whom all blessings flow !

Mission Experiences

Volunteer Bob Hampton (pictured middle right) shares about his two week mission trip. What do you get when you take 11 assorted Christians, take them out of their comfort zone and mix them with two amazing leaders in the Dominican Republic? Fun, fellowship and fulfillment! Bob writes:

“We were privileged to meet and work with the staff of an orphanage where we helped to feed the disabled children at lunchtime. We also visited a state hospital where we distributed gifts of soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes and medical supplies from the many gifts which we had carried from our friends and churches in the UK. We were able to pray with the majority of patients. Again, from the gifts carried from the UK, we were able to give toys, toothpaste and toothbrushes to 150 children when we visited a village church and at another village we distributed nearly 200 bags of food whilst inviting the residents to come to watch a film of the story of Jesus. After the film two of our group gave testimonies and people were invited to give their lives to the Lord. 16 people responded and together with the local church leaders we prayed with them.



Although what we did was but a small part of what is needed for the many poor people of the Dominican Republic we were reminded that we had obeyed Jesus by going and housing the homeless, feeding the poor and praying for the sick and suffering people (Matthew 25:31-40). We were frequently able to publically proclaim that we were helping because we are Christians, and by our displays of fun and fellowship we were able to witness to the joy which is from God.”

Dominican Republic 2nd June – 16th June 2012

Medical clinics continue to be a blessing to many!

We continue to be amazed and astounded at some of the medical conditions we see people suffering from. We consistently see over 100 patients weekly just in Clinic Paraiso. Recently, Genara a 67yr old woman came to our clinic in Paradise with her blood pressure at 250/130 and her sugar level was over 400! When she entered she sat down and was willing to wait her turn, even though she was in obvious distress. We rushed her right in to see Dr. Lambert and we put her in a hospital bed, administered some medicines by IV and gave her lots of prayer. When we finished seeing the other patients, Genara was feeling a lot better and her BP was now 160/90 and her sugar was less than 200. She was going to get home by walking - in the 100 degree heat and the walk is about 45 minutes for her and her daughter - can you imagine! We gave her a ride home and she was so sweet thanking and blessing us. We love being vessels for God and helping the poor. It is a form of worship to our Savior! One month later this woman returned to our clinic and her health is greatly improved!



In September we were blessed to have Pedro, Tania and Nastassja Del Valle (pictured above right) come and volunteer with us for 2 weeks. Thank you to the Del Valles !

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 Rob and his operation December 19, 2012.



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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