

Willing Servant Ministries



Dominican Republic

Serving Our Savior

July - August 2008

Mission Direct England Teams

We have been blessed this year to be able to meet and work alongside many people with a heart for overseas missions and a desire to be servants of the Lord here in the Dominican Republic. We were asked to lead and facilitate ministry for 5-two week teams from the United Kingdom by a ministry called Mission Direct in the UK. Team 1 came in April and on July 20th, the second team arrived. The team had 17 members who valiantly left their country to come and work alongside us for two weeks and on August 31st team 3 brought another 24 people. One of their work projects was in the village of Nazareth where they helped the local workers build the 5 homes they had sponsored for some very poor families. Their tasks included painting windows and doors, carrying block and bending rebar in the hot summer sun. When they got hot or tired they would sit down and play or just love on the children in the village. They also helped sort clothes and paint in the village of Los Algodones. The other various ministry activities included going to the local dump and feeding the 200+/- people that work there for a daily income; going to the public hospital 3 times for visitation and prayer for the many patients and giving them hygiene gift bags and toys for the children. They also got involved in afternoons of sport ministry in Redemption and Los Algodones. The teams also visited Aguas Negras where they met Sandra, a wonderful community leader and blessed her with donations for her schools and ministries. Between the two teams they fed four villages (Emmanuel, Valiant Pass, Hill of the Goats and Ch-Chigua) consisting of 400 food bags which were received by 400 very needy families. While delivering the food bags, with the help of the Pastors and church members and translators, they invited all the people they met in the communities to their local churches, where we showed the Jesus film. Approximately 380 people total came to see the greatest story ever told. The best news is that 3 people came forward and accepted Jesus into their lives as their Savior. We are praising God for this and are prayerful that many more will come forward for salvation in the days to come. The teams also had some fun going up the cable car to the top of "Isabelle de Torres" for a mountaintop view of Puerto Plata and a packed lunch. The teams enjoyed and conquered some fears at the 27 waterfalls, where they climbed the waterfalls and then jumped down into pools of water. The 2 teams worked hard, played hard and ministered with the love of Jesus. We want to thank all 41 team members for their contributions and we hope to see them again someday!



Youth With a Mission

The summer is coming to a close and the last two teams with YWAM Orlando have come and worked and ministered to the people of the Dominican Republic. Team Cayman Island were here July 13 thru July 20 and Team Epic Quest, July 22 thru July 31. Both teams worked hard to finish the kitchen for the school in Nazareth and they got it done! The kitchen looks great and will be very functional. When school starts the kitchen will serve to feed over 160 children daily who attend the school with a healthy meal. Both teams continued with their drama ministry and the dramas were very powerful and effective, some were even funny. There were many at the ministry sites that would come forward for prayer and salvation. Most importantly they loved the children and people with the love of Christ, to really make a difference in many lives with the short time they were here in the Dominican Republic. We want to say thank you to both of these teams for the work and ministry they did while here in the Dominican Republic. Both teams were awesome!!!

On August 1st we said goodbye to the leaders from YWAM, who had been here since June 8th, returning to Orlando were Angela, Emily, Nick, David, Jessica, Kristen, Elaine, Randal, Michelle and Tyler. We want to thank them and YWAM for the difference they made this summer here in the Dominican Republic with their hard work and love for serving our Lord Jesus.



Water For Chi-Chigua

There is a small Haitian village called Chi-Chigua (Kite) that has 40 homes and approximately 160 people living in this community. All the homes are made out of scrap wood or metal and are very small. The village is far away from the main road and not very close to a city where the people might find work. This makes the cost of transportation more expensive for those who live in Chi-Chigua and want to go find work or have a job. In addition because the village sits so far up in the hills there is no water in this village. Yes, that's right, NO WATER!. Imagine your life where you have no water to bath or to cook. Well in July while a group from YWAM was visiting Chi-Chigua, God led us to explore options for getting water for this village. The solution was to pay a water truck to deliver water to the village 2 times a week and store the water in a water ball that holds 1000 gallons. The cost of 1 truck load of water, which is around 1150 gallons is \$16 dollars. YWAM Orlando paid for the initial set-up of the water ball but we were still in need of funding for the ongoing filling of this water ball. That's when God sent a group of people from Mission Direct England and within that group were some people from a church in England whom had raised some money for a need that God might lead them to here in the Dominican Republic. God compelled their hearts to sponsor water for Chi-Chigua for 1 year!!! This is a huge blessing for the people who live in Chi-Chigua. We have seen a huge difference in the village already. There is less skin fungus and everyone looks cleaner and healthier. Praise God for sending Jenny Spouge, Daryl Pritchard, Claire Frost, Emma Wright, Emily Hathaway, Anna Sowley and Simon Walter from Luton Methodist Circuit in England.



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