

## The Body of Christ

**Now you are the body of Christ, each one of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12:27)**

It has been and always will be a pleasure to be a part of the body of Christ. March, April, and May have been busy but very blessed. God is working and He is doing it through His people! In March we had 2 mission teams, one from Texas and one from Belgium come to work with us here. The Texas team worked hard helping build homes for the poor, visited the sick in the local public hospital, and fed children. They were a team of 23 with lots of youth and energy - lives were certainly touched by these wonderful young people. March also brought a team of 6 from Belgium. This provided a challenge for me as they primarily spoke French and Italian, but thank God one of the team members spoke English! I was even able to learn some French and Italian while they were here and that was fun. This team fed children in two schools, visited the local public hospital, provided gifts of donations to the 60 families of the village of Chichigua, visited a local orphanage bringing them much needed supplies, and sponsored the building of a fence for a school. The medical clinic in Villa Esperanza and Paradise were also blessed abundantly by the medical donations they gathered in Belgium. They brought a lot of love and definitely left me encouraged for the journey ahead.

April and May brought 3 more mission teams, one from Montreal Canada, one from Lakemount Worship Centre Canada and Daytona Beach, Florida. The team from Montreal spoke English but also French and Italian, so I learned a little more French and Italian

while working with this team of volunteers. We worked together to help build homes by painting windows and doors and bending rebar. We visited schools bringing supplies and food, visited an orphanage bringing love to the children, and blessed the sick patients at the local public hospital. The team from Lakemount Worship Centre also partnered with us in some of the same activities during their time with us. Half way through their week a small group of 3 people from Daytona Beach, Florida, that included our good friend, Shaina Harper, joined the group. One new thing that these 2 teams and I did was we visited a new orphanage

that we had not previously visited. There we met a woman named Sister Mercedes who not only runs the orphanage that houses 21 children but she lives there as well. She has devoted herself 24 hours a day to this ministry that is blessing to some very needy children. May God bless Sister Mercedes for her devotion to the Lord. I would say that one of the highlights for these 2 teams was the morning devotions we had together, encouraging one another in Christ Jesus.

When the body of Christ comes together in unity and works together great things happen and working with these 5 teams was no different as we saw many people loved and encouraged but most importantly we saw over 50 people give their lives to Jesus through the various ministries!

**God is working and he does it through His people, the Body of Christ!**

- Rob



## Missions Experiences

**Volunteer Ash Beaudin (pictured right) shares about her one week mission trip experience:** It is impossible to go on a trip like this and not be changed. You see that poverty has flesh and they have names, you feel them in your arms, and you catch their hands inside your own. Before you know it, you find their reality colliding into the transforming breath of God inside of you and life is released. I saw it in the building of a house, in the embrace of beautiful children, in the handing out of food, in prayer for the sick, and in every life that Heaven won over. Among all that life, you catch it coming on and touching areas of your heart. I remember coming back to the hotel one night and the Lord said to me "you know without a doubt that every one of those children you played with today was more than worthy of your love, more than worthy of your attention, so why would you think it is any different when it comes to you?" God loves us. It is not about where we are or what we have, it is about the burning love of a Father who said, "You are worth it!"



## Medical Ministry Update

We continue our ministry helping those in need of medical care that can't even afford basic medical care not to mention anything major like surgery or cancer. Paradise medical clinic has been opened for only 5 months but has already been a blessing to many. We have been blessed to have the opportunity to give close to 1200 patient consultations with Dr. Lambert so far and the medicine needed for their treatment. Motorcycle accident victims, sick children, diabetes, high blood pressure are just a few of the needs we see weekly. The mission teams continue to help us with donations of medications and medical supplies so we can give our patients the needed medical care. Cristina (pictured right) is one of those patients - she came to us hoping for help to remove a malignant thyroid tumor in her neck. She had no idea how she would ever be able to pay for such a surgery but the Lord heard her cry. Thanks to our mission team from Belgium who generously offered the funds needed to help Cristina, she has had the surgery and radiation treatment necessary for a hopeful future. Now we pray that the follow up tests in six months will show her to be cancer free! Praise God for His provision!



### Prayer Requests :

- 1) Pray with us for local pastors, leaders and our brothers/sisters in Christ.
- 2) Pray that the Lord continues to bless us with 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 funding for the new medical clinic in Paradise Village.



**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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