

## 2020 Year in Review

Wow! Where do we start? 2020 has been a very different year and difficult one, we all know why! This year the Covid19 pandemic changed so many things. We are sorry for not producing more newsletters this year but were not sure what to write from one day to the next.

So here is what happened....

In March we received Clearview Community Church Mission Team (**pictured below left**) and had a great week together however we did not know they would be our last team in 2020. We were able to build another house for a very needy family, bless hundreds of children with gifts, Bibles, food and drink and saw several people accept Jesus during the week. Another successful year with a dedicated, committed group of Christians from a great church in Canada!

Then, the pandemic hit and everything went into shut down for a while. We had to close the Paradise Medical Clinic for 2 months....March 23 to May 25. When we reopened we had to see a lot less patients due to the new way we have to work to be safe and not spread Covid19. We had to hire another doctor and in July our Clinic Manager, Kaitlin had to leave as she was pregnant and needed to return to Canada. Fortunately, God supplied us a wonderful replacement in Nisiezel, a Dominican Doctor (**pictured below right**) with a call to ministry and missions!

We are very thankful that Nisiezel was able to train with Kaitlin before she left. Kaitlin did an awesome job from April 2018 to July 2020 as clinic manager and we appreciate her so much! So, with Nisiezel running the

clinic things have been going very well-- until December 7 when Nisiezel tested positive for the virus and we had to shut down the clinic again. Dra. Nisi and her whole family had the virus and her father was in ICU for a while and we thank God for his recovery! We were able to reopen the clinic in Villa Paraiso on January 7<sup>th</sup> and start again to help all those who come in need of medical attention from our great staff.

Rob was able to go to the DR in August but only for a short 4 day trip to bring supplies and finish the house Clearview started in March and this was our 9<sup>th</sup> house built in La Vigia! Any and all teams for 2020 after March were canceled and without teams we are running low on many supplies and medicines and having to try and purchase them in the DR, this takes more finances than we have in our budget and has put a financial strain on the ministry.

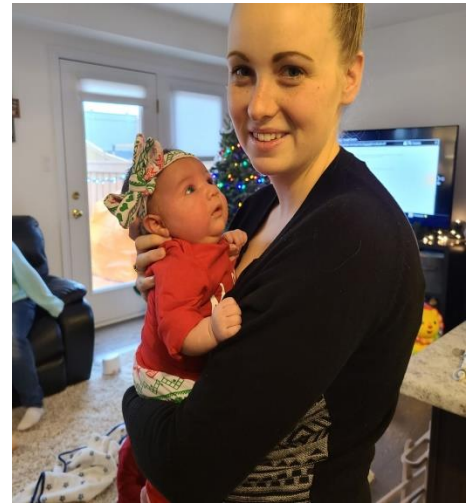
We still managed to do over 5000 consultations in 2020 and are blessing the Dominican people with our services even through this worldwide crisis. Our staff deserves a lot of praise for their dedication and hard work.

Not sure what 2021 has in store for us but I know we serve a God who is in control. We continue to do His will in our ministry to the Dominican people. Thank you to all who have and are partnering with us in this mission of love!



## Thank you Kaitlin!

In April 2018, we received a commitment from a young woman named Kaitlin, just 21 years old to come and volunteer working primarily in the Paradise Medical Clinic. Kaitlin's initial commitment was as a volunteer but 2 weeks after arriving she was thrust into the job of Clinic Manager and that commitment turned into 2 years of service. With very little training she was able to run the clinic very well, with God's guidance and help. Kaitlin was a blessing to us, our ministry, our mission teams, our staff and our patients during her 2 yrs in Sosua. She also met a wonderful Christian young man, Isai Balbuena and they fell in love and were married in 2020. For safety reasons, Kaitlin needed to return to Canada in July to finish out her pregnancy with the hopes of Isai following before the baby's birth. Thank you Kaitlin for all you did and just look at that beautiful daughter they now have! We also want to ask our partners and supporters please pray for Kaitlin and her husband Isai as they are still trying to get a Visa for Isai to move to Canada to be with his family. She is loved and missed by all those who the Paradise Medical Clinic touches! Your prayers are much needed and appreciated. Thank you!



### Prayer Request and other news:

- 1) For continued provision for the Paradise Medical Clinic! The clinic is meeting many needs for the poor. **Please pray for more financial partners to come alongside so we can continue to be a blessing! We need all of you more now than ever!**
- 2) For our medical clinic volunteers and staff – Pray that God blesses, protects and keeps them all healthy especially during these times.
- 3) For Tina and Rob Iannone – For health, strength and wisdom! We are in our 14<sup>th</sup> year of ministry and need your prayers more now than ever. Thank you!



**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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