

Start of a New Year

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men. Colossians 3:23

It is 2016! Can you believe that?! We are going on 9 years of full-time ministry in the Dominican Republic. Where has the time gone? As we start another year of ministry we are excited to see what God will do. But let us look back at 2015 and review a little of what happened. We worked with 6 mission teams which is double the teams we had in 2014. We thank God for those teams and for the many that were blessed and came to Christ because of the work and labor of those teams. We were able to finish a church and start a house for a faithful pastor. Those teams brought us valuable and much needed donations for the medical clinic in Paradise village (**pictured right**). This clinic gave 7086 consultations in 2015! Each one of those patients that consulted with us received medicine for

their health ~ that is a lot of medicine! Many lives were blessed in 2015 and it is because many are being used by our Lord to bless those in need. Thank you to all for your partnership! May God bless you all richly for your commitment to loving and caring for others in need!



Mission Teams

One of the blessings that we have been able to experience over the last 8+ years is partnering with others in ministry. January 26, 2016 saw the arrival of a mission team from Woodland Christian High School brought by Oto and Liz Perez of Nexo Ministries (**below left**). The group consisted of 20 people- primarily 17 year old seniors in high school, which came to minister and serve for 9 days. Together we were permitted to enter into many schools including the public school system (**below right**) to share the gospel through songs and drama and bring lots of joy and fun to many children! This team also brought needed school supplies for these schools as well as donations of medicine and supplies for the clinic in Paradise village. One of the highlights was seeing the children's faces light up with joy and excitement everywhere this team went. The theme of the drama was how God is the Father to the fatherless! No matter what happens in life God is always there to forgive us, support us and to love us! We believe that many seeds were planted and know that many lives were touched and blessed- all because these 20 people said yes Lord; we will go for You! Thank you Woodland Christian High School and Nexo Ministries!



Mission Experiences

Volunteer Theresa Cintron (pictured right) shares about her mission trip experience: Before this mission trip to the Dominican Republic, I prayed for God to reveal to me His will for my life. I wasn't sure where God wanted me in this world or what His plans were, but that radically changed in the matter of two weeks. From the moment I arrived to the Dominican and until the moment I left, I felt the presence of God around me. The presence of God was evident in every smile, a child's hug, and hands laid on me for prayer. Despite the poverty stricken areas, none of that stood out to me because the love of the people and their hunger for God was more evident. On the last day, our mission team went to the Pastora's church and we did a foot washing ceremony for the leaders of the church. The moment my knees hit the ground and I humbled myself to wash one of the woman's feet, God spoke to me. I finally understood what it meant to be a Willing Servant and I understood what God wants for my life. God called me to be a missionary and to serve Him and His people. As a Christian, I realized that we have one chance at this life, and one chance to fulfill His will for our lives. Never do I want to feel secure because of money or possessions, but I want to always keep my security in God. Leaving the Dominican Republic burdened my heart with sadness because I did not want to leave my new found friendships, but God quickly shed peace among me and has given me strength to begin my journey to fulfill His will. For everyone who has not gone on a mission trip, I encourage you to take that leap of faith and go. When you take that leap of faith and tell Him you are willing, I guarantee He will catch you. There are no qualifications to go and serve God; you just have to be willing.



Prayer Requests :

- 1) **Pray for sponsorship for the clinic – we need advocates back home ! Please consider doing a fundraiser for the medical clinic of Paradise.**
- 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) **Please consider organizing and bringing a Mission Team to partner with us here. We can accomplish so much more together!**



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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