

The Body of Christ

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

Christ has intended for His church to let its light shine to the world — to love, to care for, and to meet needs of humanity, while upholding the redemptive truths and righteousness of Jesus Christ. "And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful" (Titus 3:14). Jesus told His church, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

On March 2 Clearview Community Church mission team from Stayner Canada arrived to work with us **(bottom right)**. Our goals for their week here was to glorify God, help the poor, bless local ministries and pastors and for the team to grow in their faith. Starting each day with devotions and God's word along with prayer we were able to accomplish all 4 goals. Praise be to God ><>

The team's construction project was to continue toward the completion of the church in La Vigia. The group worked side by side with local workers and volunteers to pour a sidewalk, smooth coat the outside of the church and tile the floor **(bottom middle)** this meant getting on their knees to lay tile, sifting sand all day, mixing cement on the ground, picking, shoveling and pushing the wheelbarrow and when they took breaks; they always enjoyed playing and talking with the children. At midday we would enjoy the local cuisine under a shade tree which included Dominican rice, chicken and salad with our favorite Tamarindo juice - following lunch we shared in spirit-filled worship led by our amazing translator, Rey

(bottom left). Ministry during the week included visiting an orphanage and our medical clinics, worshipping, singing and giving testimonies at Church in the Woods and North Coast Community Church, a children's program bringing food, drink and gifts to over 150 children, playing basketball and a very powerful prayer walk led by Pastora Mamota. We want to send a special thank you to Elizabeth Stadlander for filming us all and doing interviews - she will be making us some new ministry videos; we cannot wait to see them!

The team's last day was spent in Paradise village playing with the children and we went directly from there to the airport. They ministered right up to the very end of their time with us.

We want to say thank you to Carl Patterson, James Taylor, Elizabeth Stadlander, Murray Culham, Megham Culham, Krista Matthews, Jon Van Den Hurk, Amanda Greenfield, Abigail Zantingh, Adam and Lori Talbot and HollyBeth Fudger for a great week of ministry together - your commitment to us and the ministry we carry out here on the North Coast of the Dominican Republic is changing and blessing lives.

We want to say thank you to everyone who makes this ministry possible. It truly is the body of Christ at work, not just the two of us – each and every one of our supporters and partners are so appreciated ... and from all those here that are blessed by this ministry – MUCHAS GRACIAS!



Mission Experiences

Volunteer Hollybeth Fudger (pictured right) shares about her one week mission trip experience.

My mission trip experience to the Dominican Republic was incredible! I went expecting to help and change the lives of the locals. What I did not expect was how the trip and people would change me. Led by Rob and Tina we visited the clinics and villages that our church has been helping. Our team worked on a church, did a children's ministry, a prayer walk through the village, and spent time with the kids. We had a very busy and fun week. I'd say the thing that impacted me most was the people. The beautiful people that live in poverty every day showed me what it means to truly love Jesus and be thankful for what we have, even though they have so little. I know that we grew as the body of Christ and individually. I would love to go back for another life – changing experience next year!



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) **We are in need of more short-term mission teams coming to the Dominican Republic to partner with us. We can accomplish so much more together. Please consider organizing a team!**



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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