

Partnering With Mission Teams

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Every year for the last five years we have been blessed to partner with Clearview Community Church mission teams and every year we pray that they would be as big of an encouragement as the last. This year brought another team from Stayner, Ontario Canada (COLD COUNTRY) from March 3 – 10. The team was the largest we have seen from Clearview - 17 people ready for action and they did not disappoint! As they served and worked we were all blessed and encouraged by their unity and love that they had for all of us here. Their work project this year would be to build Pastora Mamota of the village, La Vigia, a house. We started with the foundation digging, pick axing, shoveling and then mixing concrete on the ground as we filled the holes with a wheelbarrow. Some other work that had to be accomplished was cutting rebar with a hacksaw, carrying block, filling in holes with cement as well as sanding and painting the outside of the church. It was great to see the team work right along local workers and volunteers. After two full days of work the team did a program for the children in La Vigia and Chi-chigua. Over 125 children learned about the Good Samaritan through the group's drama that they performed so well. Also, we sang songs together and then each child received a gift, juice and food. Sunday night the team

attended church in La Vigia with Maren Brandsma and James Taylor bringing a shared message of forgiveness that leads to victory. Many people were delivered that night including a few from the team! Praise Jesus! The oil was flowing for anointed healing as well! What a great night of worship and praise to our Savior Jesus Christ, but the story is not finished yet!

It would be wrong not to tell you about the great job our translators Rey and Dennis did! They are an important part of what we do and did a great job!

We want to say a huge thank you to Clearview Community Church - your commitment to us and the ministry we carry out here on the North Coast of the Dominican Republic is changing and blessing lives!!!
THANK YOU!



Partnering With Nexo

January 21 to 28 we were able to partner with Oto and Liz Perez of Nexo. Together with a mission team of students from Woodland Christian School in Ontario Canada we worked together to minister to the people of the Dominican Republic. Willing Servant Ministries provided the transportation, leadership and even some translation. We helped to continue to build a school in Puerto Plata, ministered to children in a public school, visited and did a children's program in Chichigua and brought lots of love to many children and adults! The team visited our clinic in Paradise village and blessed us with needed supplies for the clinic. One of the highlights was on a Sunday evening at Family Worship Center Church when Liz shared a message of "God is and has and will always be right there with us"!



Mission Experiences

Volunteer Shawna Licharson (pictured right) shares her experience.

I've been thinking about what I can say about my mission experience. It's difficult to put it into words. Before I went on this trip I was relying too much on the resources of this world. It was not serving me well. I did not really believe in how big and powerful our God is. I am generally a selfish, prideful, scared, anxious person. I was trying to do things in my own strength. I knew God wanted me to come on this trip, but I kept asking him "What is my purpose? What do you want me to do?" I tried to work hard but really what do I have to offer. On this trip I saw the people in the villages loving and trusting God and yet they have nothing. I watched them pray and worship God and freely give. They were always smiling and gracious and even had joy. Myself, living like a fat, lazy cat here in Canada, I did not have this joy. I witnessed the intense needs of the people and felt overwhelmed by it but I also saw that they have such a strong faith, a faith stronger than mine. It made me want to get closer to the people. It motivated me to serve. I was supposed to be on this trip to serve yet God is good and gave me so much; the sanctuary of the mission house, the wisdom and teaching from Rob and Tina, the amazing group of people I travelled with and now consider family, and of course the people of the DR, including Dennis and Rey. During the powerful church service on Sunday night in La Vigia, God gave me freedom from things that have held me back. I have started to understand that I have the power of our Lord in me. I don't want to go backwards. I want to claim what God has given me and never let it be stolen again. I received more on this trip than I could ever hope to give back. God is motivating me. I will do as you say Rob, and stay in the Word. Thank-you Rob and Tina for everything!



What Else Is News?!

- 1) We have surpassed 5100 patients seen in 4 years in Paradise Clinic. Our patient base continues grow as people hear good things about the clinic and seek out effective medical care.
- 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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