

The Body of Christ at Work

**Again Jesus said "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."
And with that He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit". John 20: 21 - 22**

July 7 - 14 brought us the Heart of Worship mission team from New Smyrna Florida. The theme for the week was "OFF THE HOOK"! This team was made up of people from 5 different churches which was unique and wonderful. After the team made their almost 24 hour journey to arrive here in Sosua, Dominican Republic, they settled into the Rio Vista Mission House. Every day started and ended with devotions and reflection. The first two days were spent in La Vigia mixing concrete and sifting sand in the hot sun to make the floor for a Pastor's house that we are building. They also refurbished and repainted the ceiling of the church in La Vigia. On the second day, 3 people from the team went to the clinic in Paradise village to help Tina. We were blending together and working well as the body of Christ being prepared for the Holy Spirit to use us in our ministry activities that we had scheduled, which leads us to day 3; in the morning we went to Church in the Woods where the team shared some songs and testimonies before hearing a great sermon about how if Jesus was set apart and Jesus lives in us then we are to be set apart also! One team member says she entered the church one person and left a different person- praise Jesus! In the afternoon the team did a children's program in La Vigia and Chichigua blessing and feeding over 150 children. Day 4; the team went to a brand new village for us that we had never been to before. They worked side by side with a local church there to bring 100 families food and to invite them back to the church that night for the Jesus film. As the team delivered food they entered many homes praying for people as there are a lot of needs in this poor community. Many received Jesus as Savior. In the evening we showed the Jesus film and two people from the team shared their

testimonies. Many lives were touched! Day 5; in the morning we went to our English church (Oceanside Christian Fellowship) then after lunch we went to Paradise village to see the clinic and play with the children there. After, we went to the church service in La Vigia where two more testimonies were shared and then the team led worship and preached the Word! The Holy Spirit filled the church and we were all blessed and uplifted as we worshiped together filled with the Holy Spirit! Day 6; we set off for La Vigia as the team wanted to wash the feet of the leaders of Pastora Mamota's church. Powerful! 10 leaders from the church and our 2 translators, Rey and Denis, got their feet washed, were prayed for and received a touch from the Holy Spirit. There were lots of tears and anointing! After lunch we had some worship in the Pastor's newly built living room but not just us, lots of children and some adults heard the music and came to join us. It was "OFF THE HOOK"! After, we went with Pastora Mamota door to door in her community praying for people. This was a week that we can say for certain that many were touched and blessed by the work and service of this wonderful team of volunteers. I know that they would agree when we say that all the credit goes to the Holy Spirit! He touched us all and worked in and through all of us. What a blessing! We want to say a huge thank you to Katy Haren, Chris and Raya Schmidt, Abby Ortiz, Lorna Gonzalez, Stacey Lather, Johnell Collins, Rachel Moore, Eugene Edmonds, Megan Martens, Donna and Dallas Bowen, Theresa, Paco and Yolanda Cintron. Your commitment and partnership with us and the ministry we carry out here on the North Coast of the Dominican Republic is changing and blessing lives!!! **THANK YOU!**



Mission Experiences

Volunteer Yolanda Cintron (pictured right) shares her experience.

God allowed me to serve Him in the capacity of being His co-pilot to lead a group from Florida to the Dominican Republic in July. What is a mission trip? To me it's a group of Christians who work together to raise funds, materials needed and prepare physically and spiritually to go into the nations and share the Word of God, to reach the lost. What happens when we pray and invite the Holy Spirit in? A mission group spends a week that is "Off the Hook"! God blessed our team beyond anything that we could ever imagine. We went to Sosua to work with people who need hope and who need encouragement. We went to the villages to put on a VBS program for the children, to play, to hug, to love, to smile. But in turn, our group didn't expect what God had in store for us! Our hearts are burning inside with a fire that cannot be contained; the Holy Spirit entered us and set us apart to overflow with the love of Jesus so that in turn we could return to our safe homes and explode in our communities. Our week included hard labor, prayer walks, singing worship, house visits to pray for people's needs, to play with a ton of children, to wash feet, to preach God's Word and so much more but none of that compares to our beautiful Savior's unconditional love. Rob and Tina not only lead a ministry but are two wonderful examples of what it means to live their lives being "Willing Servants" of God. I had many opportunities to ride in the front of the truck with Roberto and all conversations were about sharing God with the lost, reaching those who need Jesus, discussing scripture, encouraging each other and how to be a faithful servant to God. Lots of tears were shed; lots of cleansing and forgiveness took place including one team member accepting Jesus into her life! I praise my Jesus for handpicking each individual from our group to come together to be "one body" of Christ. I am willing to spend my life serving HIM. Thank you Willing Servant Ministries for choosing to live your lives out of your comfort zone for Jesus!



What Else Is News?!

We were blessed June 22 to July 16 to receive Tina's sister Margaret Gambill as she came to serve with us for 3 weeks. She was such a blessing not only to us but also to our clinic staff and patients! She is truly a Willing Servant!
 We also received July 1 to July 14, Theresa Cintron from Ormond Beach. She came and served with us in our clinic for a week before joining her mission team. Her smile and willingness to serve was such a blessing to us all!



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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