

## Commitment

**I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40**

What does it take to go on a mission trip? Well, you need money and time, right? You need passion and desire, right? Yes, but first you need to make the decision to go-make a commitment. There are many people here in the Dominican Republic in need as they are very poor and without hope. They need our help. **Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? And I said, here am I, send me. Isaiah 6:8**

The month of November brought a mission team from New Jersey. **(pictured right)** The team was led by Mary Rapuano **(pictured bottom left)** along with Steve and Suzanne Sarner, they have made the commitment to come every year for the last 11 years! We have had the pleasure of partnering with their teams for the last 6 years. We have personally witnessed many being blessed by the teams that they have brought through the years and the combination of time and money donated every year to help those in need is so very valuable.

Team New Jersey was dedicated more than ever. Even with the growing luggage charges that airlines are charging they still brought over 32 bags of much needed supplies and donations! In those donations were some great supplies for our clinics that will bless so many patients. They visited schools blessing them with school supplies and love. They walked around several villages in the rain in order to bring gifts and visitation to sponsor children. Ponchos were put on and taken off many times! In a place called Black Waters, named for the sewage that runs through the streets, this group worked hard shoveling and mixing cement to help pour a floor for a needy family, also bringing much needed supplies for school children in this poor community. When we look back at their week here with us we think of the time spent playing with children and visiting people in their homes. We also think about how blessed the team was to spend time with Iliana (girl in a wheelchair) and the other

children in Chichigua and Los Algodones. They also donated funds for the purchase of water for Chi-chigua! We want to say a huge **thank you** to team New Jersey for a great week and for making a huge difference in the lives of the people here in the Dominican Republic.



## A Very Special Boy

As 2014 winds down we are thinking of one of our most special patients, a three year old boy named Addy! Sometimes the Lord brings special people into our lives and for sure He did this with Addy. When we first met Addy he had a limp and a swollen right thigh. Then he got worse and we starting helping him and his mother get the testing for a diagnosis. He had a biopsy and the doctors were saying it was likely cancer. Immediately we sent out the message to all our prayer partners to start praying because we believe strongly in the power of prayer! Their travels brought them to a cancer hospital in Santo Domingo where they immediately wanted to do another biopsy. Prayers were answered as the biopsy came back....NO CANCER! The new diagnosis was a bone infection called Osteomyelitis, still serious but not cancer, praise God! Addy has endured a great deal of pain and suffering but after several surgeries the report is looking good as his bone is healing. We are testifying once again to all of you that read this....**Prayer works!** Please continue praying for Addy and for his mother Santa. They both have been through hard times but we have always witnessed them smiling through the whole thing.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

### What Else Is News?

- 1) 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 still in need of Mission Teams for 2015. Please come and partner with us!**
- 5) We will be in Florida for the holidays from Dec. 21 to Jan. 7.



**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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