

The Golden Rule

“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them – Matthew 7:12

November 4 - 11 brought us another great mission team from New Jersey ~ Sussex County Technical School led by Mary Rapuano! At the airport we loaded the truck with the never ending bags of donations of love! Then we traveled down a dry road in a dry truck to the hotel! This will be a theme as the week goes on as the whole week we stayed dry. You see, last year when they were here was when we had all the rain and flooding. I never thought they would be back but they came back again! We are thankful for their return!

Sunday Day 1 – We went to Aguas Negras to partner once again with Sandra and her great ministry. Sandra and her crew welcomed us with open arms and hearts. The team did cement work that is very hard to do, no matter how frustrating and hard it was no one gave up. Inspirational! **Monday Day 2** – We went to Aguas Negras to once again help out with Sandra. Now the team were all experts in cement work! Sandra told them that their presence, donations and help were all propelling and inspiring them to move forward in their ministry! YES! **Tuesday Day 3** – We went to Villa Paraiso school to partner with Dominican Advance. The team blessed many sponsor children with gifts and love. It is always special for those children to know that someone in a faraway land cares for them. Then recess. Oh the noise but I watched and I was amazed at how well everyone just got along. Many friendships were formed and a lot of love was spread! Then off to Villa Nazaret. The team shared the same love in this school. **Wednesday Day 4** – We went to the Mustard Seed! I knew this would be a hard day for some but

when we got there the way they all just got in there and loved those children, blessed the staff, and were a huge great big blessing to all showed me how selfless this team is! Then we traveled up a dry dusty road to La Vigia. The team did a great job of hanging out and playing with the children, blessing them. **Thursday Day 5** – We went to the Alta Vista High School. Now interacting with high school kids can be a little more awkward but I did not see any of that. What I saw was how we all just played and hung out like we were all family! Awesome! Then we were off to the clinic where behind the clinic I watched many children be entertained and in the clinic some team members helped me unpack and organize all the great donations they brought for us to be able to help the poor. **Friday Day 6** – Some team members had a day of relaxation and others enjoyed some snorkeling. Then we had dinner together capping off a wonderful productive and blessed week together!

Thank you **Team New Jersey** for your continued partnership and commitment to helping the poor here in Sosua & Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic! We look forward to next year! See you soon!



Mission Experiences:

Volunteer Sandra Braun (pictured right) shares about her mission trip experience: If you would have asked me 10, 5 or even 2 years ago if I would ever go on a mission trip, my answer would have been "NO"! Who am I to go spread God's word when I am a new Christian myself trying to figure it all out? This past May 31st – June 7th, with a team of 13 others, I had the amazing opportunity to work along-side friends who minister in the Dominican Republic. When our Pastor came to us and said we would be working with Rob and Tina and their ministry, my Husband Jaren and I didn't even have to pray about going, we knew we were called to go. The wonderful thing I've learned about mission trips is that you don't have to be a Christian from the moment you were born. You don't have to have your Bible memorized. What you need is a love for God, a love for His people, and a willingness to serve. This trip I learned so much about our Father's deep love for all His people. The people of the Dominican are filled with such joy, though they are living with almost nothing. They are filled with the spirit of His love, hope, and grace. They are filled with hospitality and welcoming hands that want to hold you, hug you, and help you. The people of the Dominican and this mission trip showed me how to continue to keep my own doors and heart open to my friends, family, and this world. They reminded me that our Father is the most important part of my day and life and to remain faithful to Him no matter the circumstances you are born into or live in. My prayer is that our team, me included, remains a light for the world to see. Your mission field is whatever you choose for it to be. Share the love of our amazing Father with those around you. Be a light. And do everything for God's glory!! -- Sandra Braun



Other News: Willing Servant Ministries continues to look for full-time ministry workers to come to the Dominican Republic and volunteer primarily in our medical clinic. This is an opportunity to serve God and grow in your relationship with Jesus! Interested? Want to know more? Please e-mail us at info@willing servantministries.org

We are looking for someone immediately!



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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