

Team New Jersey

Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share – 1 Timothy 6:18

November 2 – 9 brought us team New Jersey. They have been faithfully coming to the Dominican Republic for more than 15 years now to help the poor. Dedication and commitment like theirs is rare and we thank God for them!

Day 1 and 2 we spent in Puerto Plata in a very poor neighborhood called Aguas Negras (Black Waters). In two days the group made shelves for classrooms, painted a wall with the alphabet, painted and organized the internet café and computer center and distributed clothing and medicines. There was a tour by the leader, Sandra Tineo through the community. We saw many improvements but also saw that there is still so much to be done and people in need.

Day 3 the team visited Mustard Seed Orphanage in the morning. They delivered some wonderful supplies to the orphanage which houses over 40 severely handicapped children. Also the team spent time with the children loving on them. In the afternoon we traveled to La Vigia to paint a house that we started in March. On this day the team painted the base coat. They also visited the local school in La Vigia visiting with the children and distributing school supplies and supplies for the teachers.

Day 4 the team visited the schools of Dominican Advance in Nazareth, Paradise and Alta Vista High School in the morning hearing about all the great things that is going on. In the afternoon the team took 12 children that team members sponsor to attend school to

their hotel for an afternoon of fun and food.

Day 5 the team went back to La Vigia to put the finish color paint on the house of Severina. Wow! They did such a great job, real professionals! There was also enough time for a baseball game with the children of La Vigia. In the afternoon we visited Paradise village. They brought donations for the Paradise Clinic, visited the technical school and played with the children. Highlight was when Erin Meineke, a physical therapist on the team, went to see Franyeli, a young boy that lives in Paradise village and has Cerebral Palsy and has been a patient of ours for over 8 years. Erin brought a special wheelchair for Franyeli. It fit him perfect which was a special blessing. This chair will make his and his Mom's life so much better and easier!

Day 6 the team took a day to relax and unwind. However, there were some first time members that wanted to go to Puerto Plata and enjoy the Cable Car. So in the morning we set off but first we decided to stop and buy a bed and sheets for Iliana who is a beautiful girl with Cerebral Palsy that lives in a very poor village called Chichigua. Iliana was very happy as she was sleeping on the floor because her bed had deteriorated and was not usable.

We want to thank Team New Jersey once again for their love, commitment, dedication and generosity to partner with us in helping the poor on the North Coast of the Dominican Republic!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Yearly Update: As 2019 comes to an end we report that this was year number 12 of serving the poor in the Dominican Republic. We are happy to say that this was another blessed and productive year of ministry. First, the Paradise Medical clinic did over 7000 consultations and each patient received medication. We now have over 10,300 total patient records! Patients are healthier, happier and more productive in their lives. Second, we received three mission teams this year. With these teams we saw over 15 people receive Jesus as Savior, ministered to over 700 children with each child receiving food, Bibles and essentials for daily living like soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste. We also built home number eight in La Vigia and blessed the poor with hope and love! Thank you to all who partner with us financially and prayerfully in this important ministry! May God bless you all!



Prayer Request & News :

- For continued provision for the Paradise Medical Clinic! The clinic is as busy as ever and meeting many needs for the poor. Please pray for more sponsors and partners to come alongside so we can continue to be a blessing! We need **financial support** to continue to provide the thousands of Dominicans who need this important medical ministry with quality medical care!
- Pray for **Kaitlin Weatherall**. Please include her in your prayers as she manages and works in the Paradise Medical Clinic!
- **We can now accept financial contributions in Canada and those contributions are tax deductible! Just go online to: <https://www.thebridgesofhope.com/campaign/willing-servant-ministries/> Please consider partnering with us! You will be helping many poor people receive quality medical care. We need you!**



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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