

## April 2009 Newsletter

Our mission is to plant churches in the Dominican Republic, Haiti and the United States. Our original plan was to come to Santo Domingo, reach the community leaders, have a Dental Clinic to help the children, and to start Bible studies as the seeds for the first church. We came, we reached many community leaders, but we failed to get the dentists needed for the Dental Clinic, but rather than just cancel the event we changed the focus. With the help of our missionary friends from the United States and Mexico, we had a Dental Hygiene Clinic. Hundreds of toothbrushes were given away with instructions on how to use them. (Lots of candy was given away also.)

We started with tracks in Spanish telling about Jesus. Then we added Spanish Bibles provided for those who wanted them, to learn more. Then GOD sent help from Haiti. Five brothers in Christ came, three stayed and continue to help with the mission. They translate English to Spanish and Spanish to English sharing GODs' word at the Bible studies. The Bible studies are conducted at the Red Cross, where the Dental Hygiene Clinic was started. They also speak French and Creole. They will continue GODs' work with this mission while David and Ruth follow the rules and go back to the United States for a time.

As we leave Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic for our trip back to the United States, we have a lot of Good Byes to new friends and brothers and sisters in Christ, and a whole lot of Thank You's to family and friends that stood by us with prayers and contributions.

To the members of the International Baptist Church, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic: Your prayers for the mission, the February Dental Hygiene Clinic and for personal matters made us feel so loved and comforted. Accepting us into the church blessed us so. The individuals from the church that provided services and labor for the Dental Hygiene Clinic also provided affirmation that we are in the right place. Our last "until-we-meet-again's" meant more than words can describe.

Pastor Phillip Hatchett is clearly led by GOD and we have grown in the Word through his messages. It was his invitation to some young men to attend church that opened doors for this mission. More on that later.

George Navrodis gave us such hope. Not only did he provide quality work when his company printed fliers for the Dental Hygiene Clinic, but he inspired us with his faithfulness. George provided technical support for our website and taught us so much.

Pastor Phillip Hatchett left, David Damewood center, and George Nevrodis right.



John, Deline, and Carlande, continue the Bible Studies. That is commitment. Commitment to GOD and commitment to the community. Each of you are wonderful examples of what it means to be Christian. We look forward to great times together in the future.



David turns the mission over to the new missionaries that will take care of Bible studies and spreading the Word while David and Ruth are away from Santo Domingo.

Left to Right:  
John Suprien, Deline Desarmes, Carlande Desarme and David Damewood.

To the ladies that own and operate Rosanly Supermercado: Rosanna Arias, Rosanna Soto, Roselyn Soto and Gabriela Soto. Always a smile, always a friendly hello and always so helpful: and some English too. What a treat for us. We are going to miss those oatmeal cookies. David is really going to miss that morning coffee shared with him and Victor during the planning of the Dental Hygiene Clinic.

Rosanna presents a calendar from the store to Ruth. She also gave David some of that wonderful Santo Domingo coffee to take back to America.

One last time, Victor escorts David through the barrio to visit the people. This trip Ruth makes it also.

Left to Right:  
Ruth Damewood, Rosanna Arias, and Victor Urbaz.



To the owner and employees of Asic Center, the internet café. It was so nice to have a comfortable and well technically supported place to spend our internet time.

To the three colamdos (corner store) that provided us with ice and water and the occasional treats, thanks for the service. Special thanks to Manuel, the owner of one of the colmados that not only personally delivered ice when no other delivery man was available, but also took out the trash for us. That is full service.

Special thanks to Roberto and Margarita Reynoso, our landlords during this first six months, who we are now honored to call friends.

Ramon Vegazo, a fellow tenant, your generous lending of the washing machine certainly made life easier for Ruth and happy for David.

A super big thank you to Elias "Lee" Garcia, from Pflugerville, Texas. Your willingness to be used of GOD has certainly impacted this mission in Santo Domingo in a wonderful way. You and your team, Eliseo Garcia, Baltazar Gaona and Mariolin Nogueira, made the Dental Hygiene Clinic a wonderful success. The teams' counsel, prayers and friendship were invaluable to the growth of this mission. You opened doors for us and gave us a big boost. We look forward to being back in Santo Domingo and ready for your return visit in 2010. AND to the many supporters of your team we also thank you and thank GOD for you. Without your prayers and financial support, we would not have had these GOD inspired resources.

John Carlton, our Sunday School leader in Pflugerville, Texas, stepped up and became our conduit, our biggest cheerleader and our daily support. You rallied the whole Sunday School class behind us. Our Skype visits made us feel connected. Thank you for your care packages. The Bibles you sent have long since been given out to people with desire to read the Word and know more. The training materials you sent have helped us study and prepare Bible study lessons. The cameras so we could illustrate these newsletters and document the mission have been such a blessing for us. The office supplies and the personal items were sorely needed and are greatly appreciated. Cinnamon yummmm.

Pam Carlton, John's wife, thank you for sharing John with us.

To our financial supporters, we could not have done it without you.

Our apologies to any we may have omitted. So many have helped make GODs' mission a success.

May GOD continue to bless each and every one of you.

Coming next month: "My Honey Stinks"

Members FBC-Pflugerville Texas USA on  
GOD's Mission to the Dominican Republic

David and Ruth

