

July and August 2009 Newsletter

Short Term Mission Opportunity

We have begun planning for a Dental Hygiene Clinic for March 2010 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Space is limited so pray for GODs guidance and send us an email if interested. Right now, here is what we know:

Clinic to run on a Friday, Saturday and Monday. Team members should plan to arrive earlier in the week if you would like some tourists time, and leave the following Tuesday, or later. Again tourist time will determine your final plans. Skills needed include – but not limited to – Dentist, Dental Students, Dental Hygienist, bilingual persons to assist in translating, people that love GOD.

Christmas in the Dominican Republic

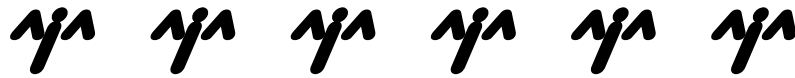
In the Dominican Republic Thanksgiving is not a recognized holiday. However, Christmas is a big holiday. Christmas shopping starts as early as October and for a few, the very wealthy, shopping gets in full swing early. For many of the people of the Dominican Republic, Christmas is a quite celebration. For the poor, it is just another day of survival. Here is one persons story.

Margarita is a lady called by God to minister to children. Weekly she goes to meet with a group of children that have not had all of the advantages of a rich life, but are full of love. As Christmas time approaches, Margarita takes paper sacks to the children and they decorate the sacks with drawings or pictures cut from magazines. Later the sacks will be filled with popcorn and tied off with colorful ribbon. There was a time the children could go with her, but now Margarita takes the bags by herself and heads to the local children's hospital. She will pass out the bags of popcorn to the children, maybe a family member or two, and to some of the nurses and pray over the children. For some of these children, that concludes Christmas.

There is a community outside of Santo Domingo where the people gather to worship each week. For these people there will be a Christmas party filled with a short play put on by the children, performed in the yard. Food will follow even dessert.

Whether or not they get presents depends on the people they have never met. If toys, or money to buy toys, was donated then these children may get toys. Many times there are not enough toys for every child and a raffle is held to see which will get Christmas presents, and which will go home empty handed of toys.

As you make plans for you holidays this year, look in your community. There are several very good opportunities to donate to causes that ship boxes of presents to these children. What makes a good present? For the many poor children around the world, they are not picky. A toothbrush, no matter what color it is or how fancy or plain, is exciting. A baseball, no brand name required, is a great toy. A doll, accessories not required, would be a once in a lifetime gift for some little girl. Have you ever played jacks in the dirt? It is a little different, but it is just as much fun. A coloring book and small set of colors would be so wonderful. These are not high-tech kids with everything at their disposal. These are no-tech kids that want to be loved. If you have an opportunity to give, please know that you are giving not only a few dollars, but a glimmer of hope and of love. You are telling a child 'you are valuable.' May you have a blessed year.



Going Home

Our condolences and prayers for Deline and Carlande in the passing of their uncle. Please keep these wonderful young men and their family in your prayers.

Our condolences and prayers for Ruth in the passing of her sister. Ruth did get to see her sister before she passed and we are thankful to GOD for answering this prayer.

We are grateful that they were able to get home in time for the funeral and get to be with family and friends.

We look forward that day when we will get to once again see Bauvoir Pierre, Sarah Bone and all of the other family and friends that have gone before us.

Mission Expansion

It is exciting to hear from Deline and Carlande and John. These young men, led by GOD, continue to teach the children and keep the message alive for them.

They have expanded the mission to a second community. Here is a home church in Izabelita. The men have partnered with ministers in the area to increase the witnessing.

We look forward to hearing of the decisions being made for GOD through this outreach.



John 10:27 (KJV)

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

The Mission Continues Strong at the Red Cross

So many continue to faithfully attend Bible Study at the Red Cross in Santo Domingo.

For our Dominican friends the location is:
Cruz Roja Dominicana
Calle Segunda (2da)
Casa no. 12
Sector San Miguel
KM. 8 ½
AVE. Independencia



These two children are among the first to attend Bible Study and continue to attend faithfully. They are showing off their Bibles. The need for Bibles is great, and we are looking into options to purchase more Bibles for expanding groups.

Prayer Requests

Dental Hygiene Clinic, with Ministerio Fiesta Con Jesus, March 2010.

As we plan for our second Dental Hygiene Clinic, we need many resources: people, locations, and money for expenses. Please pray that GOD will touch the hearts of His people, and that those people will Just Say Yes to Jesus.

David and Ruth are so homesick to return to the Dominican Republic. Pray for them to have strength and perseverance as they work through the details to be able to return.

Carlande, Deline and John as they continue to be faithful to GOD. They must travel across Santo Domingo each Wednesday to the Red Cross for Bible Study, and out of town to Izabelita, for Saturday home church. Pray that GOD will continue to protect them, guide them and comfort them.

All of the children, and adults, that have accepted Jesus into their hearts. May be continue to get the mentoring they need to grow in their faith.

The people of the Dominican Republic. May GOD open their hearts to hear the messengers and accept Jesus Christ into their hearts. May they grow strong in the Word and Faith, and prosper greatly.



John is telling one of his favorite stories. Zacchaeus. The song “Zacchaeus Was a Wee Little Man” is always a part of that story. I remember when I was a child and . . .



Some of the children and their parents in Izabelita.

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David and Ruth

