

## November 2008 Newsletter

Greetings from Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic. Thanksgiving has come and gone in the United States and Christmas is coming fast. In the Dominican Republic Thanksgiving is not a recognized event. This is an American custom, so here it is business as usual.

Business for GMD Global Ministries, Inc. however is anything but usual. Like all those that are thinking about doing mission work, or those new to mission work, we think would be bringing light into the world as we witness for God. The truth is, we are being ministered to.

The people that our group have been working with are poor by Dominican standards, which is very poor by American standards. Yet, they are a peaceful people, full of love and willingness to share all that they have. For those that already know Jesus as their personal saviour, the people are praying for the missionaries that would come to tell the good news. For those that do not already know Jesus as their personal saviour, they are willing to listen without prejudice, consider what you say, are very appreciative that you would give to them of your time, and most important, when they hear the plan of salvation and feel Jesus calling them, they are not too proud to admit being a sinner and asking for Jesus to come into their life as Lord.

We have been blessed to witness to so many, young and old alike accepting Jesus Christ as their saviour. We have been blessed to witness believers concerned for the lost in their land make great personal sacrifices to be able to share of their money, their time, and their lives to help others. We have been blessed to be allowed by God to witness salvation taking place in the lives of the individuals.

The group we are currently working with meet every Saturday afternoon, caravan about an hour to a nearby community for evening worship service. Each time we go, we see miracles of healing of body as well as soul, and children being witnessed to.

This last Saturday we had the annual Christmas party. It was a disappointment that money was too tight to be able to buy presents for the children this year, but the party was awesome just the same. There was no Christmas tree, no Santa Claus, and no Christmas songs. There was great celebration that Jesus would be born into the world so that he could die for us, providing the plan of salvation for all who would believe. There was a wonderful drama put on by the children, including costumes, about the plan of salvation. There were praise and worship songs, and there was a Christmas meal and fellowship afterwards like I have never experienced before.

On Sunday afternoons there is an English speaking Baptist church service. The ten to fifteen minute taxi ride to and from the service is one third of our weekly budget. Every time we go there, the taxi takes a different route, so I am not exactly sure where 'there' is, but I think it must be more than I could walk. So for the convenience of not getting lost,

and not having to walk so far in this heat, and having worship service and Biblical preaching, and for getting to communicate with people that speak English, it is a bargain.

We take each day as it comes. We have had to overcome so many challenges. We have seen miracles come out of dealing with those challenges. We have learned a much deeper reliance on God than we had ever imagined. For what we have given to the people here, we have received so much more in God's grace and His blessings.

Happy Thanksgiving, and may the wonderful truth and joy of Christmas be yours.

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