

## Hospital Ministry

**“I was sick and you visited me...” Matthew 25:36**

The public hospital here in the Dominican Republic is the place that most people go to seek medical attention out of desperation. The facilities can only be described as sub-standard. Although some steps to improve the hospital is evident, there is paint peeling off the walls, rusty beds, primitive methods of healing, dirty bathrooms with no running water, no air conditioning or screens on the windows. It is not uncommon to see up to 10 patients per hospital room. Unfortunately some of the patients can wait weeks to get a diagnosis. When you come to stay at the hospital you have to bring your own sheets, water, food and someone to look after you during your stay. The conditions make for a scared and depressed atmosphere. It is such a blessing when we have mission teams here and we can take them to visit the patients to try and brighten their day and outlook as well as pray for them. We also bring each patient a hygiene gift bag that will help them have some items they may need and maybe make them a little more comfortable. The problems that many of the patients are suffering from range from severe anemia, bronchitis, HIV, dengue fever, motorcycle accidents, strokes and much more. We have been seeing a lot of gunshot victims, men who have been shot in the legs from running from the police. The patients are a captive audience and are in need of hope and we use this opportunity to hand out Christian tracts and offer prayer - praying for the patients



through our translators. Many times the patients ask us to voice a prayer for the whole room which may consist of 20 to 30 people. Our visit to the children's ward allows us to give out toys and coloring books to the children so they can have something to occupy their time and maybe to brighten their day. Recently we had 2 gunshot patients accept Jesus as their Savior, recognizing that they needed a change in their lives. It was a blessing to see these 2 men with their hands cuffed to the beds, being captive in body, say the sinner's prayer and have their spirits freed through the redeeming blood of a Savior! Through this particular ministry this year we have seen hundreds of spirits brightened and 26 people accept Jesus into their hearts as Savior. The ministry gives us a chance to show the love of Christ to those in

desperate need of hope and help. When we are preparing the mission teams to enter the hospital with instruction, we always pray and ask that God go before us, with us, and that His spirit remain in the hospital healing the sick in body and spirit after we leave.

Will you please pray continually for us in this ministry that God will continue to use us and the mission teams to bless the patients and share His amazing love with those in need.

**James 5:15 says – “and the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up.”**



## Coming Soon ....

The Samaritan Foundation continues to build in the village of Paradise, with 128 of the 200 homes completed along with a children's center, church, school, and now a medical clinic is underway. We are stepping out in faith to raise the funds necessary to operate this medical center. Meeting medical needs with the love of Christ by providing medications, helping maintain chronic illnesses, health and hygiene education and helping with needed surgeries are some of the goals of the clinic. Tina will be the Administrator and oversee the day to day operations of this medical center that will be a blessing to so many people. Please consider how you can partner with us to provide those less fortunate with affordable health care.



### Points Of Interest :

- Rob continues partner with and lead mission teams doing construction and ministry
- The clinic in Villa Esperanza continues to be a vessel of care and compassion to those in need, giving medical consultation and needed medication to over 3000 this past year. I would like to voice gratitude from seven people who were blessed with a needed surgery this past year and we all continually pray and give thanks for our partners in prayer and funding.
- We have a planned visit to Daytona Beach, Florida from May 21 to June 10 to share about our work and visit friends/family. If you would like to visit with us please contact us through e-mail.



**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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