

Help For God's People

Luke 10:2 ~ And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Often times missionaries can feel isolated, like they are all alone in their work for the Lord. When we visit or are working in a village of 500 to 1000 people by ourselves, we feel like, how can we make a difference? This is why we are always praying to the Lord, "please send help". Last year we were very blessed to have many

missionaries and groups come to Sosua to answer our prayers of sending help. This year God is sending us even more help. So far in January and February God has sent us 5 mission groups from Canada and 1 from Belgium to help with the work that is being accomplished here in the Dominican Republic. The groups are a real blessing to us and to the poor people that we are helping. These 6 groups

equaled a total of 115 volunteers. They brought lots of donations like medicines for the clinics, clothes and shoes, toys for the children, hygiene products, backpacks, and school supplies. All that we accomplish for the Lord is because of wonderful God lead people who donate to the mission here in the DR. Some of the activities that these teams accomplished while they were here were: ~ Helping build the homes in the villages of Paraiso(Paradise) and Esperanza(Hope), helping the local workers by shoveling, picking, wheel barrowing, bending rebar, laying block, hauling blocks, painting, putting up roofs, and much more. ~



Distributing food to the poor and hungry. ~ Visited the local public hospital where they visited sick patients and gave each patient a gift bag with hygiene products and toys for the sick children and praying with all those who wanted prayer. ~ Juice ministry where the teams sang songs with the children, played musical chairs and gave

each child an egg, bread, salami and juice and gift bag. ~ Attended church services, blessing those churches with songs of praise and preaching. ~ The very best thing these teams accomplished was the way they loved everyone whom they came in contact with. The hugs and time spent with the local people, Dominicans, Haitians and even us full time missionaries was a blessing to all of us and lifted up our spirits. Many of you

that came may not realize the impact that you make but it is a huge impact on the people here. Many times the children are asking "where are you and when are you coming back". We want to say thank you to the groups of ~ Martin and Tina Schroeder ~ John Deere/GVE (Pictured center) ~ Sawatzky Family ~ Marshal Memorial United Church ~ Julie Kinder Journey 2009 ~ La Vecchia Belgium. **Thank you so much for being God's laborers in His harvest field that is so plentiful.** May God bless you all richly for your dedication and love for the Dominican Republic.

Thank Heaven For Little Boys

Have you ever met someone and immediately you notice something special about them? When I met a boy named Georgie (pictured right) he had an immediate impact on me. He is the oldest boy of three in his family. He is 5 and has 2 brothers, 3 and 2 months old. His Mom is only 20 years old and his Dad is not much older than that. Georgie's family is as poor as they come struggling everyday to make it, but you would not know it from Georgie. He is one of those typical little boys who loves to get dirty, run and play and always wants his own way. Most days he is a joy but when he does not get his way or does not get enough attention, he can really be hard to deal with. One minute he gives you a hug that just melts your heart and the next he is throwing rocks at you. He really needs someone to love him because his parents are so young and they are just



trying to survive day by day and Georgie misses the attention he so desperately needs. When I visit the village of Paradise where Georgie now lives, I am drawn to seek him out and make sure that he knows that I care for and love him. Please, let us join together in prayer for this special and wonderful boy, Georgie, and his family.

Lending a Helping Hand in Los Algodones

The village of Los Algodones is located at the top of a long, bumpy, dirt road into the Dominican hillside where approximately 1000 Haitians call home. The village has grown from a housing location for sugar cane workers established 30 years ago to a community of people trying to survive each day on next to nothing. The Samaritan Foundation of Canada has donated land across from the existing village and is building simple block homes that have been sponsored by groups from around the world to replace the shanties, along with providing buildings for a school, medical clinic and a church. The school and clinic offer the opportunity of education and healthcare that some would otherwise not seek nor receive. The clinic officially opened February 1st and we are excited about the difference this clinic can make in the lives of those around it. So far we have 142 patients, a lot of whom suffer from high blood pressure and gastritis from their poor diets. We have plans of education in the areas of hygiene, diet, birth control, immunizations, communicable diseases, dental care and other areas. Our staff doctor, Dr. Lambert Emmanuel, is a native of Haiti and has dedicated his profession to helping the poor and serving the Lord. He is serving as the Director of the clinic and will be assisting us in gaining accreditation with Dominican Public Health, which the clinic needs to operate legally. Tina is volunteering as the administrator of the clinic, which includes coordinating the staff, incoming donations, bookkeeping and pharmacy. The clinic is open to patients two days a week right now but we are anticipating the numbers of people seeking help will begin to grow once "word of mouth" reaches around the North Coast. Rob has been very helpful setting up the clinic by painting, general maintenance and being the "go to" guy! We pray that the Lord will continue to use us for His purposes in helping those in need.



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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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