

Transformation

There is a need for our lives to be changed. When Tina and I became Christians we changed but God still had more work to do. We needed a **transformation** and that is what is needed for **Redemption Village**. The lives of the people need a transformation, much like the one Tina and I received and are still receiving. God has been leading us to do this in three ways; 1) Tina and I have been visiting each home and family in the village to try and get to know them better and taking a census to create a database of information. This has enabled us to share Jesus with some and pray for many. 2) We are familiar with the needs and the people and this enables us to help groups who are here for short-term mission trips to come and minister with sports activities, VBS, visitation and various other ministries. 3) The rainy season has started and so it has become evident that flooding is a problem in Redemption. After careful study and talking to the residents about the flooding problem we have come up with a solution. The drainage is poor because the gutters for drainage are very poor. We have decided that we need to put in all cement gutters for drainage. All the drainage ditches now are made of rock and sand and are clogged with trash and grass (**pictured top right**). Some people that were here on short-term trips

have given some money so we can purchase materials and start this project. One gutter has been put in and it looks and works beautifully (**pictured lower right**). The people who live near this gutter are very thankful and we have seen a transformation begin to take place. They are starting to clean up the trash and they clean their new gutter almost daily. Our hope is that by giving the village a better place to live that their lives will be transformed and God will be glorified. We are still in need of more funds to continue and finish this project. We are purchasing the materials and people whom live in the village are providing the labor for free. Please join with us in prayer that God would make provision to transform the village of Redemption.



Teaching English

We continue to teach English as a second language on Wednesday nights in a new place called Sosua Abajo. We have also added a small class with 5 men in their home in Loma Bajita on Sunday afternoons. This has turned out to be a better way of teaching. Having a smaller class allows us to focus with each student individually – especially pronunciations. We are hoping to start a class close to Redemption soon but we need to find a place to have the class and continue praying for a better curriculum. We are also in need of funds for the class as the costs to make copies for each student adds up quickly. We did not plan on being teachers but this is one area where God is leading us and we are going to be obedient to His leading. Learning English is so important to the people here in the Dominican Republic. We are just trying to help meet a need and by doing so we find that it is a blessing for us as well. We are able to get to know new people through the classes and at times we have an opportunity to witness to our students. Please pray for us to have many more opportunities to share the gospel as we follow God's leading for our lives.



New Home Church

One of the most difficult things about being in the Dominican Republic as missionaries is that we are away from our home church, White Chapel Church of God. We firmly believe that God provides for all of our needs and He has led us to a wonderful Spanish church where we are accepted and loved as a brother and sister in Christ and we are able to serve and worship. The name of our home church here is "El Buen Samaritano", which means "The Good Samaritan". The church has 2 services on Sundays, an English service in the morning and a Spanish service in the evening, as well as mid-week services. We have been attending both services on Sundays and are serving in the morning English service as greeters/ushers. We are getting to know the people in the congregation and recently had dinner with the Pastor and his wife, Rafael and Danny Contreras. Their vision for the church is to see the local community of Sosua transformed to a city for Jesus. We are very thankful to our Lord for providing us with a wonderful place where the people share the same vision as Willing Servant Ministries. When you think of us in your prayers, please also pray for " El Buen Samaritano



Working Together

“ Dios Provee “(God Provides) is the name of a small church that we attended one Sunday night. We found the church to be small but spirit filled. The church holds about 20 people but they pack in around 35 to 40. There are cracks in the walls and the roof is rotted away. They have no bathroom and no musical instruments. Despite all these things, God was there and for this reason we felt God leading us to help this small church. Willing Servant Ministries donated materials for the expansion and reconstruction of the church. This is where the story gets really good!! Almost the whole church pitched in to help. Children were carrying things, women were digging and men were mixing cement and laying block as well as digging a septic for the bathroom. We were helping also and at times we would get tired as the work is very physical, but when you see little children roll up there sleeves and work hard it gives you inspiration to continue. Now the roof is better, the cracks have been repaired and the church is 30% larger. They are still in need of more chairs , paint, bathroom materials such as a toilet and sink, and musical instruments. We see people in the community all the time and they are talking about how God is blessing their church. Please pray with us that God will meet their needs as they try to reach their community for Christ.



Special Points Of Interest: **1)** We had our first visitor since moving to the Dominican Republic. In November our friend Greg Rowe (**pictured right**) from Daytona Beach came to work with us for 8 days. We are very thankful to Greg and to those who sent donated items with Greg. We look forward to having many more people come and visit with us in the future. **2)** We can now host your short-term mission team. For more information about bringing a team please visit our web-site at willing servant ministries.org **3)** We now have a *Digital Projector* to use for ministry. We are planning on using the projector to show the Jesus film in various outreach events and churches. We want to thank everyone who gave funds for this projector and say God Bless You. **4) Christmas** is fast approaching and while we will be away from all of our friends and family for the **Holidays** we are with you in spirit and prayer. We want to wish everyone a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**. **Thank you for your love and support for the work God is doing in the DR! May God bless you as we work together to change lives!**



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Romans 10:15 says : And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.”

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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