



Eastern Dominican Christian Mission

Planting Self-Sustaining Churches in the Eastern Dominican Republic

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Dear Friends,

Easter Greetings to each of you as you continue to serve our Resurrected Lord, Jesus Christ. Thanks once again to all of you for your prayers and your sacrificial support.

Work Teams

We welcomed the month of March together with a work team from Pomona Christian Church in Missouri. This wonderful group of Christians formed an immediate bond, with the Dominican people when they first visited last year and the "ties that bind" are tighter still. They broke ground for the parsonage for Victor and Yudermy Jimenez and family. The foundation has been dug, but no block laid yet. The team then got to work at the church and Centro Mutualista medical clinic. They continued the repair work on the ceilings setting the stage for the work team from Erie Christian Church from Erie, Illinois who came two days after the Pomona group left. They smoothed the repair patches on the ceilings and then painted. A lot of "arms over the head" work. They also painted the inside of the multi-purpose building in Punta Cana. Both groups participated in all worship services, preached and did object lessons at youth meetings in La Romana, Pica Piedras and Punta Cana. Dr. Laurie Clarkson and her assistant, Rhonda Combs from Pomona held six clinics in La Romana, Punta Cana and Pica Piedras. One clinic we did in a park and the gentleman who organized it treated us all like royalty. They saw a total of 103 patients and each left with information about the congregation near their home. It was great to have Euri Fabian who is in medical school helping out when he could. Thanks Pomona and Erie for you cooperation.

Busy March Schedule

After receiving hundreds of pairs of prescription eyeglasses from Shelbyville, Ky and Aguadilla, PR, the La Romana Christian Church held a very successful vision clinic in the Centro Mutualista Medical Clinic. Two Dominican ophthalmologists and many church members donated their time and saw almost 100 patients, all in one morning! Each patient received their prescription eyeglasses and a pamphlet full of information about the church. The day was a HUGE success and very uplifting for the church and the community.

The teenagers of the La Romana congregation are headed to church camp during the first week of April. Many of them have musical abilities, including Ricardo Luis, a very popular Hip Hop artist here in the DR. The La Romana Church hosted a fundraising-concert which included many talented Christian artists. The teenagers sold tickets to the concert and invited hundreds of people. It was a great success and everyone had a lot of fun worshipping our Creator through Hip Hop and Rap music.

On March 21, Victor Jimenez (preacher of the LRM Congregation) held the first graduation of the "Leadership with a Purpose" class. Victor used Rick Warren's leadership book and taught the class over a series of several months. Twelve members of the congregation attended the classes, did their homework and studied hard to become better leaders in the church. These twelve members will now have more responsibilities in church planning, beginning with arrangements for all of the Easter weekend services. We are proud of these dedicated members and pray that God uses them greatly in the future.

Centro Mutualista Medical Center Renovation

As funds are available we continue to update and renovate. The patient rooms are complete with curtains and decoration. We are now working on the hallways, nurses station and the administrative office. The public is taking notice and there have been many positive comments, even on the radio. Please pray for insight to know how best to use this wonderful opportunity to glorify God.

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