



Eastern Dominican Christian Mission

Planting Self-Sustaining Churches in the Eastern Dominican Republic

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Dear Friends,

We pray that this finds you all in good health and in service to our Lord. Thank you for your support and continued interest in how God is moving through Eastern Dominican Christian Mission.

Youth Camp in Salcedo

Easter activities here started on Thursday morning as 29 youth and 4 sponsors headed to camp in the northern part of the country together with youth from the many other Christian churches in the D. R. Christ in Youth continues to provide ideas, activities and discipleship classes from their conferences in the US that have been translated into Spanish. This year's theme was "Activate". Victor Jimenez, La Romana minister and Ryan VandeLinde, missionary with EDCM, taught the discipleship classes. Erin VandeLinde translated several workshops for married women. The worship team from the La Romana congregation led worship at all the services. We are so proud of our youth, their maturity and their willingness to serve.

La Romana Update

Meanwhile in the La Romana congregation, the graduates of the "Leadership with a Purpose" class were busy leading the Easter weekend services.

They organized and led the Good Friday service with guidance from one of the elders, Damian Morales. Seven members read and made brief comments on the Words of Christ from the Cross. It was a quiet time of meditation and reflection. Easter Sunrise service actually started after the sun was up and was well attended concluding with a pitch-in breakfast all organized by the leadership graduates and church members. The congregation in La Romana has now been officially established for six years and we have every confidence in the eldership and the leaders that the Lord has seen fit to put in charge. What a great feeling!

Westside Christian Church

On April 5th, the Monday after Easter, we received the work team from Westside Christian Church in Springfield, IL led by good friend, Gary Winkleman. They were busy from the first moment. They painted and painted and then painted some more. The Centro Mutualista is a big building with very high ceilings, but inch by inch it is being remodeled. The WCC team also had four nurses who did screenings in and around La Romana as well as in Punta Cana. The first floor of the multi-purpose building there looks beautiful by the way. We just need to finish plumbing it and installing sinks, showers and toilets. The medical people were ever so helpful in sharing their expertise about what is needed at the clinic, especially in what will be the ICU area. Thank you Tammy, Diana, Kari, Jackie and Brenda! Kim Hughs organized and led a scrap-booking activity for the ladies of the church. The Dominican ladies really enjoyed their time together doing something that was completely new to them. Their visit was way too short as they left on Saturday the 10th.

CMM Center Renovation

Baptisms Coming Up

There are eight people who are planning to be baptized in the next couple of weeks as well. They have made a public confession of faith and Victor is going over the basic doctrine of baptism with them. As you can see the church in La Romana shows steady growth both spiritually and numerically. Praise to Him who gives the increase.

"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that plants anything, neither he that waters; but God that gives the increase. I Corinthians 3:6 and 7.

God bless all of you and thank you for considering EDCM worthy of your prayers and financial support.

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