



# Eastern Dominican Christian Mission

Planting Self-Sustaining Churches in the Eastern Dominican Republic

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Dear «Sal»

God bless each of you on this Thanksgiving Day. We are especially thankful for your continued prayer and financial support even though many of you and your congregations have had to restructure your budgets. God continues to be in control and He provides for all of our needs .

## Happenings in La Romana

“Does God like to party?” That was the theme of a youth outreach activity on Saturday, October 31st. The youth invited their friends, the congregation and other churches to participate in the fun. There were dramas, raps, a puppet show and many songs of praise. Rick gave a short devotion that started with the statement: “God does not like to party, (*long pause*) (imagine the faces of the young people when they heard that), God loves to party!” It was a great evening and all of us left feeling much younger than our years.

The Sunday school program at the La Romana congregation has really blossomed in the past year. We have to give God the glory, but also recognize the positive effect that the Starfish Foundation has had. The children who received help with school supplies and uniforms in August 2008 and 2009 are now a regular part of the Sunday school. The 5th, 6th, and 7th grade children have two wonderful teachers, Ivelisse Santana and Hilda Inirio. The children have been receiving good, solid, Bible-based teaching for months and on Sunday, November 1st, we saw the results as 6 young people from that class made their confessions of faith. This, of course, gives the church an opportunity to get into the homes of the children who currently attend without their parents. The church does not baptize children without their parents’ consent. We are seeing more and more converts come from the neighborhoods adjacent to the church.

## Visit from Jeff Lane

We were happy to welcome Jeff Lane, a long time friend and EDCM board member from Danville, IL. He was able to visit all the churches, the newly acquired properties for camp and parsonage, tour the Centro Mutualista, take video of everything, talk at length with the La Romana elders and fit in a winter league baseball game. It was especially good to be able to discuss a lot of things with him before going to the states for the annual EDCM board meeting. Thanks Jeff.

## EDCM Board Meets During National Missionary Convention

What a great opportunity it was for the EDCM board and new missionaries Ryan and Erin VandeLinde to meet individuals from supporting churches. We thoroughly enjoyed our short visit to Illinois, and managed to fit in visits with three supporting churches, visited with our forwarding agent, and saw family in Danville. The board decided to accept the opportunity and challenge to help administrate the Centro Mutualista/Community Center where the La Romana congregation meets. The blessings of having control of this large and centrally located property are endless. We will begin with a six month commitment and see how it goes. Please be in prayer for the following

1. VandeLinde family’s move to the Dominican Republic-January 2010
2. Andrew Butz who is in language school.
3. Second payment on the parsonage property in La Romana due Jan. 15th.
4. Administration of the Centro Mutualista
5. VBS style outreaches in Las Galerías-Punta Cana

In Christ,

Rick and Suzanne York

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