

Dominican Mission News

What's Happening March 2022

*Commit to the Lord whatever
you, and he will establish
your plans.*

Proverbs 16:3

Since 2006, our Cleveland Mission Teams have traveled to the Dominican to serve the Lord through construction work to build houses, schools, churches, water purification facilities and in February 2020, early stages of a medical clinic. Vacation Bible School and women's Bible studies were added in 2015 along with other ministry outreaches such as ESL and baseball games with Dominican youth. The Cleveland team was the last one to serve in February 2020 as the pandemic shut down mission trips. We thank and praise God our team returned to the Dominican on February 25-March 5 to continue our mission work in Los Alcarrizos and Villa Altagracia. We're thrilled to share the following news:

...If he is thirsty, give him water to drink." Proverbs 25:21

Villa Altagracia Water Facility

Cristian Santiago, Director of Lighthouse DR, extends his grateful thanks to the many teams and supporters who helped build the water facility that has been supplying clean drinking water to Villa Altagracia and the surrounding areas since October 2020. The facility employs a few men from this community where unemployment is 72%. Two truck drivers deliver water to areas where people cannot walk to the water facility. Our Dominican friend, translator and fellow project manager, Felix Acosta, serves as the manager of the facility and reports business is very, very busy and people are very, very grateful for your love, prayers, and financial support that is a huge blessing to countless people.

Vacation Bible School

Our team enjoyed bringing "Rocky Railway" Vacation Bible School to 53 local school children. Team members had fun with the children making crafts, singing & dancing, playing outdoor activities and learning through Bible stories that "Jesus' power pulls us through."



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*Whatever you do, work at it
with all your heart, as
working for the Lord, not for
human masters.*

Colossians 3:23



First Attention Medical Clinic

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Our Cleveland team took on raising \$40,000.00 required to begin the construction of the medical clinic foundation. We have a BIG God who faithfully provides and we thank all our generous supporters as this goal was reached! The foundation work began in mid-February by hired Dominican workers who hand dug the footing trenches. Two Iowa teams arrived before our Cleveland team and they tied rebar and poured cement into the footings. Our team of 16 people arrived on February 25th and picked up the construction work. We tied rebar for the foundation floor and wall columns, shoveled rock & sand for the cement mix, and poured 10 cement columns before our team had to return home to the U.S.

“Jesus’ power pulled us through!” The next phase will be to pour the foundation floor and begin blocking the walls. We are boldly praying for the Lord to open up His abundant storehouses and pour out His blessing for the next phase that will cost \$60,000.00. Our team – along with other teams – will be part of the ongoing construction work in Villa Altagracia for years to come. Once the Clinic building is completed, furnishing the Clinic with medical equipment and supplies will follow. The Clinic will be staffed by one doctor and two nurses; and who knows? God may be raising the bar again to add a medical mission component to our team! As our team members often hear us say “*work is available!*”

Dominican Women’s Bible Study

Our Dominican women’s Bible study expanded this year as we hosted two area church women’s groups. We continue to learn our Dominican women friends struggle with similar life challenges as we do in North America. Language and cultural barriers are broken down as we unite with our ladies in prayer and praise to sing in both English and Spanish to our God. A sweet taste of Heaven!



Is the Holy Spirit calling you to serve on a short-term mission? Men, women, and students 12-years and older will unite for a week of construction work, Vacation Bible School and ladies can participate in a Dominican women’s Bible study. *No construction experience is necessary.* Average trip cost is \$1,600 - \$1,700 per person.

2023 Trip Dates:

NEW! Two-week mission trip: Friday, February 24th to Friday, March 10th

First-week mission trip: Friday, February 24th to Friday, March 3rd

Second-week mission trip: Friday, March 3rd to Friday, March 10th

Contact Judy Tyreman at jatman2005@sbcglobal.net, call/text 440-759-9859.

On behalf of the Cleveland Dominican Mission Team, **THANK YOU!** Your love, prayers and support are greatly appreciated as we look forward to continuing the Lord’s work in the Dominican Republic.

To God be the Glory! Romans 11:36