



THE LEAST OF THESE MINISTRIES

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Matthew Drenches Barahona

In early October, category-5 Hurricane Matthew passed between Haiti and Cuba, briefly making landfall in both countries. The devastation in the south and west regions of Haiti was significant. As of this writing, aid has not reached many areas in Haiti due to the difficulty in travel. Please pray for the well-being of the thousands of Haitian people whose lives have been impacted by the storm, and for the many aid workers who will be helping with the recovery.

Ricardo, our Operations Manager in the DR, reports that Barahona and the bateys served by the ministry were impacted mostly by torrential rains. Most of the high winds from the storm were kept well to the west of Barahona. The heavy rainfall brings its own problems, such as washing out dirt & gravel roads and causing large areas of standing water, which can become breeding grounds for mosquitoes and disease. And many of you who have served on a team with us know that the roofs on the batey houses are anything but watertight.



Our team was able to reach all 13 bateys the week following the storm to deliver food. The residents were very grateful to receive the food, as that gave them one less thing to worry about as they recover from the heavy rains. We give thanks and all glory to God for protecting that area and enabling our team to deliver food so quickly after the storm!

Help Wanted

We're looking for a few more willing workers to join us in Barahona January 7-14, 2017! This mission team will be doing some maintenance work and light renovation at our warehouse in Barahona. In addition, we will be assisting in the daily food distribution to the bateys and participating in other ministry opportunities. It is always a joy to serve, but it's also a good reason to escape the cold weather for a week! Team application is available on our website, or by calling or emailing us.



Celebrating God's Work!

On October 9, we gathered with many of our supporters to celebrate 18 years of ministry in the Dominican Republic. Those present enjoyed fellowship with long-time and new friends, recalled memories of mission trips on which they served, and shared in worship, giving glory to God for the work He has done through The Least of These Ministries. Guest speakers shared the history of the ministry, and how their lives were personally impacted by the ministry and its founders, Steve and Ann Hull.

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Steve and Ann were the guests of honor at the celebration. They were presented with a plaque that will be permanently displayed in our Barahona warehouse as well as a check representing over \$5,000 in donations to the Rice & Beans fund, given in their honor by ministry supporters. We are so grateful for Steve's and Ann's many years of service, developing the ministry to what it is today, and for their love of those we serve in the DR. We look forward with excitement to see where God will continue to lead this ministry!



Steve and Ann receiving their Presentation Plaque

The Perfect Gift

The season of giving is nearly upon us. If you're looking for that perfect gift for Aunt Madge in Minnesota or Uncle Tad in Tennessee, we have just the right thing: A donation given in their honor to The Least of These Ministries! We will provide a note card indicating a gift was made by you in the recipient's honor. We can either send the card to you or we can send it directly to the gift recipient. It's a great solution – You give a meaningful gift to someone on your list while supporting The Least of These Ministries with a tax-deductible donation. As a bonus, it is an opportunity for the recipient to learn about our work in the DR!



Simply fill out the enclosed gift information form and mail it to us with your donation. Alternatively, you may send the donation online (PayPal or online banking) and follow-up with an email or call to us!

Sign up Today! January 7-14, 2017 - Mission Trip

Ways to Donate

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