



THE LEAST OF THESE MINISTRIES

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**DO
EVERYTHING
IN
LOVE**



FROM JUNE 3-10, a team of 23 high school students (including many graduating seniors) and seven adult leaders served with us in Barahona. The team and leaders were from Valley Youth Network in Ligonier, PA.

The group arrived on Sunday evening, not knowing exactly what they were in for, but very eager to learn and serve. Their main work project for the week was painting and repairs at the Los Robles church, which the ministry built around 2005. They did a beautiful job painting the inside and outside of the church building. Two doors on the back side of the building were removed and enclosed with concrete block. The doors have never been used, and the Pastor requested they be enclosed to make the building more secure. He plans to use the two rooms in the back of the church as classrooms in the near future.

A room off the sanctuary was cleaned out and finished with a concrete floor and a layer of concrete over the existing block walls. This room will be used for storage. The room was originally intended to be a bathroom. Plans now are to build a larger bathroom alongside the church, once existing septic system issues are resolved.

Major repairs were made to the family's upstairs bathroom. The water supply line to the shower had been leaking for a year or longer, causing wetness on the exterior walls below and beside the bathroom. The walls had become moldy from the moisture, and the family had been dealing with constant wetness on the floor of their back porch. The wall and floor tiles of the shower were removed, new plumbing installed and tested, and the shower re-tiled. Repairs were also made to the toilet tank.

Bible School was held for three days in Los Robles. The team and translators welcomed 60-75 kids each day, and led them in singing, learning bible stories, and playing! Video of the Bible Schools is available on our Facebook page!

On Wednesday, the team stayed on the mountain, and painted Ricardo's church. Church members donated the paint, and had asked for help in doing the work. The team worked hard through mid-afternoon to complete the painting, then they were able to enjoy the traditional Wednesday beach & dinner activities.

Team members also participated in the food distribution each day, giving them the opportunity to meet and share with local families.

In addition to the evening group sharing time, team members led devotions at breakfast and dinner. Many encouraging and inspiring messages! The leaders also led studies with the group, and one of the passages that was presented was 1 Corinthians 16:13-14. Throughout the week, team members were encouraged to "Do the next thing out of love," as Paul encouraged the Corinthian church to do. This team did just that.



More Pics Inside!

Valley Youth Network Mission Team



There's always a need for cement-mixing!



Laying block



This team did a lot of painting!



Food distribution in Batey Los Robles



And The Kids!



Reaching More Through Local Partnerships

God has blessed this ministry—and continues to do so—through the many people who support it with their prayers, labor, and finances. Two huge blessings are our warehouse in Barahona, and our partnership with Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). When the warehouse was built, and we subsequently began receiving food from FMSC, Steve Hull had a vision for being able to use our warehouse space to be able to provide FMSC food to smaller ministries in and near Barahona.



Last summer, that vision became reality when we began providing food to a ministry that serves street kids in Barahona. The ministry, #MissionaryAtHeart, was started by John & Caroline, a father-daughter missionary team from the U.S. They serve kids who either live on the streets in Barahona or have a difficult family life, so they spend much of their time on the streets. The ministry provides a safe space for the kids to come each day throughout the week to shower & receive clean clothes, play, hear about Jesus, and receive a hot meal. Receiving the FMSC Manna Packs has allowed #MissionaryAtHeart to increase the number of meals they serve, and has freed up financial resources for providing medical and other assistance to families and children.

We recently began relationships with two more organizations through FMSC's Partner Assistance Program. Watch for those ministries to be highlighted in future newsletters!

For more information on Feed My Starving Children's programs, visit fmsc.org. For more information on #MissionaryAtHeart, visit dominickids.com.

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Upcoming Events!

September 7

6th Annual Golf Tournament

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Mission Team to Barahona



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