



THE LEAST OF THESE
MINISTRIES
MATTHEW 25:40

Sharing **HOPE**
amidst poverty.

June 2026

Sowing Love and Joy in Batey Los Robles



TRUE TO THE GREAT COMMISSION TO SHARE THE GOSPEL and show God's love through practical actions, the Ministerio Cristiano Amor y Esperanza (MICAIE) team recently held an outreach event in the community of Batey Los Robles. Their goal was twofold: to bring joy and care to the children, and to strengthen the ministry of Pastor Ramón and his family, who faithfully lead the local church in this area.

Batey Los Robles is a community with very limited access to recreational activities or social support. In an environment where children have very little to do, our ministry stepped in to turn an ordinary day into a celebration of games, dignity, and hope.

The day began by combining practical evangelism with health and hygiene. Our team set up stations for hair washing and haircuts for the children, treating them with love and dignity, which brought immediate smiles to their faces.

Thanks to our donors' support, the team also distributed clothing and educational materials. Girls received new undergarments and beautiful dresses and boys received comfortable t-shirts and athletic shorts. Coloring books and educational materials were also given so the kids could take a positive, edifying activity home.



Special thanks to *GFWC Woman's Club of Westminster*, *The Princess Pillowcase Project*, and others for sewing and donating dresses, shorts, and other clothing for so many kids in the communities we serve!

Team Dynamics and Prizes

The afternoon focused on structured fun. Through group dynamics and teamwork games, the children were taught core values like unity and cooperation. Every game ended with prizes to reward their effort, reinforcing that when we work together in love, everyone wins.

"Please Don't Leave, Let's Keep Playing" The most touching moment happened as we were leaving. Parents expressed their deep gratitude, and the children held our volunteers' hands, repeatedly saying, "Please don't leave, let's keep playing!" It was a living testimony of how God's love directly touches and comforts hearts in overlooked areas.

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Ministry Receives Special Recognition from DR Judicial Branch

LAST NOVEMBER, the Judiciary of the Dominican Republic held a contest to raise awareness of non-governmental organizations doing work in support of local communities in the country. With hearts full of gratitude to God and to each of you, our faithful supporters, we share wonderful news that the Barahona region voted overwhelmingly for our social outreach, resulting in a significant \$1,750 donation in food supplies that directly assisted more than 250 vulnerable families.

In a powerful display of community support, our organization—locally registered as Ministerio Cristiano Amor y Esperanza (and known internationally as The Least of These Ministries)—was named the winner in this public vote and awards initiative organized by the Judiciary of the Dominican Republic.



This initiative was designed by top judicial authorities to directly ask the citizens of Barahona which institution they felt most identified with and which one has provided the most significant real support to the region. Competing alongside other respected nominated organizations allowed us to highlight the daily reality of the communities we serve week after week. The public's vote solidified our leadership and commitment to those who need it most.

High-Level Institutional Recognition

The official award ceremony was attended by top institutional representatives in the province. The Honorable Presidents of the different Courts of the Barahona jurisdiction, along with senior representatives of the national Judiciary, were present at the event. This backing from the judges highlights that our work not only relieves physical hunger but also serves as an essential pillar for social peace and human dignity.

During the presentiaon, the judicial authorities emphasized the transparency and consistency of our ministry: "Thank you for being an organization that genuinely seeks to help those who have the least. God and the Barahona community deeply value this tireless effort."

One of the most moving moments of the day occurred when the President of the Criminal Court of Barahona formally addressed our local manager, Ricardo Beltré, to officially present the award, stating:

"Receive this donation on behalf of God and the Judiciary of the Dominican Republic, so that you may continue to bring love and justice to those most in need throughout our region."

Direct Impact: More Than 250 Families Benefited

The award consists of an allocation valued at \$1,750 USD used entirely to purchase essential food and supplies. These funds were immediately converted into the same core provisions that our nutrition program distributes without fail every week. Thanks to this award, we significantly strengthened our logistics inventory, directly impacting more than 250 families in our community programs.



The shipment received included a balanced mix of groceries to ensure family nutrition and support:

- Grains and Staples: Select rice and beans, the foundation of daily meals.
- Proteins and Canned Goods: Canned corn, high-nutrition milk, and Paco Fish (sardines), providing critical protein sources.
- Pantry Essentials: Spaghetti, pasta sauce, local coffee, and cooking oil.
- Family Hygiene: Laundry detergent and dishwashing soap, which are essential for community health and sanitation.



Special Recognition (cont'd)

An Unbreakable Partnership with Our Supporters

This award and public recognition from the Judiciary do not belong to us alone; they are a direct testimony to the faithfulness of you, our partners and donors. Every dollar invested, every prayer lifted, comes to life in the smiles of the children and the elderly in the batey communities we serve who have nutritious food when they need it.

As we look to the future, this milestone drives us to strengthen our social aid infrastructure, faithfully preach the Word of God, and encourage the community. We invite you to celebrate this victory with us, knowing that before both earthly and heavenly eyes, we are fulfilling the mandate to love our neighbor together.



**A generous person will be enriched,
and the one who gives a drink of water
will receive water.
—Proverbs 11:25 (CSB)**

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to access information
& registration on
our website!



We need team members for our upcoming Mission Teams!

No experience is needed—only a desire to serve others. Team members are needed to work on the service project, assist kitchen staff at the mission house with meal prep and clean-up, and plan & coordinate kids' activities.

How is God calling you to serve?

Summer Mission Team

August 8–15, 2026

Service project: Batey-oriented, based on team size.

Winter Mission Team

January 9–16, 2027

Service project: Ministry Hub and/or Batey-oriented.

Mission Teams also include opportunities to serve with the daily food distribution ministry, children's activities, and evangelistic outreach!
Mission Team participation is \$725 *plus* airfare.

Register online at leastofthesemin.org or call 443-918-7105!

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Strengthening Pastoral Leadership for God's Kingdom

Beyond the immediate social impact, the most strategic achievement of this visit was connecting the community more deeply with their local spiritual leaders. By coordinating this activity directly with Pastor Ramón, the residents of Batey Los Robles saw their pastor not just as a religious figure, but as someone actively bringing blessings and care to their families.



This activity has strengthened the pastoral ministry's standing in the community. It opens doors for more parents to trust and send their children to church, allowing Pastor Ramón and his family to continue guiding them into the Kingdom of God.

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