



THE LEAST OF THESE MINISTRIES

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February 2018 Newsletter

A BUSY January!

Things were hopping in Barahona last month, with three mission teams visiting from the U.S.!



A lesson on joining rebar.

Our first team, coming from West Virginia, ushered in 2018 at the beginning of their visit. We were able to share in a New Year's Eve worship service at the church Ricardo attends on the mountain. In addition to conducting Bible schools in two bateys, this team constructed the base building for what will be a new bathroom for a

church in Batey 2. They also got in some baseball with the local youth in Batey 2's brand-new baseball diamond!

The second team, from Maryland, was a small group that included professional photographers. With the help of volunteers from Barahona, they conducted one-day Bible schools in five bateys, and participated in the food distribution in each of the bateys. Their photos will be used in a much-needed website update, Facebook posts, and other media to share the story of how God is working through The Least of These Ministries to bring hope to families in the bateys.

January's third team was comprised of a group from Georgia, two of our Board members, and our founder, Steve Hull! This team installed concrete floors in seven houses and conducted Bible school for three days in Batey Algodón. As they prepared for their trip, the organizing church—Stockbridge United Methodist Church—collected 150 pairs of new flip-flops to donate to the children of the community, along with other items!

Look inside for more photos from the teams, and to read Steve's account of his week visiting his friends and family in Barahona!



Digging the footers for the bathrooms in Batey 2.



Ready for the day's food distribution!



Well, it was good to get back into the saddle again. The Mission trip saddle, that is. It's been 3 years since I last went to the Dominican Republic, but you know what they say about riding a bike—You never forget. However, they forgot to mention that some wear and tear on the bike rider shows up quickly. But that didn't take away from the enjoyment of the trip.

Debbie Stewart from Georgia has arranged a trip every year for many years. She always finds some very fine folks to make up her team. This year was no exception.

I am always blessed to be a part of the team putting new cement floors in the homes of some very needy people. This trip we put new floors in 7 homes. I had a pipe freeze and break in our home just before I left for this trip. It took several days to move boxes and furniture to get the water out of the basement. In the D.R. it took them just a few hours to get everything they owned moved out so we could put a new floor in their home. (STUFF).

Bible school lasted 3 days with about 100 kids and parents present each day. Fun was had by all. Sometimes I think our teams enjoy bible school as much as the kids. The kids and parents soak up the bible stories like a sponge.



Steve and Pastor Andy Postell (Stockbridge UMC)
discuss the finer points of mixing concrete
as they wait to load a wheelbarrow.



Debbie Stewart provides a comfortable napping place for a young girl after a very active Bible School!

An afternoon at the beach was worked in along with a BBQ chicken dinner put on by a friend of ours. Then there was ice cream for dessert. A long, tiring day, but so worthwhile.

A trip is forming now for July of this year. Call Marty today and get on board for a trip that you will talk about all your life.

God Bless All.

—Steve Hull

*Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we also ought to love one another.
No one has ever seen God;
if we love one another, God lives in us,
and his love is perfected in us.*

—1 John 4:11-12 (NRSV)

January Mission Teams



New Year's Eve
Candlelight Service

Food distribution
in Batey 8



Wednesday evening chicken
dinner in Barahona



Our photography team
getting ready for Bible
School in Batey 8



Baseball in
Batey Algodón

Pastor Bill Warehime
lends a helping
hand in Batey 1



Tributes

Gifts given in Memory of:

Merle & Margaret Gladhill *by* Paul & Kathy Jenkins

L. Earl Griswold *by* Lura Griswold

Phyllis M. Jones *by* Robert Jones

Jean Myers *by*

Mike & Amy Feranec, Susan & John Harbold,
Bill & Sally Marks, Brenda Myers,
Northrop Grumman DBA Team, Pat Owings,
Timothy & Julie Tennent, Jackie Tennent

Gifts given in Honor of:

Mike Stewart & Jennifer Antelman-Stewart *by*
Bob & Debbie Stewart

Elaine Daniels *by* Bob & Debbie Stewart

Family *by* Steve & Ann Hull

Lee & Janice Hartwig *by* Bob & Debbie Stewart

David & Conni Highfield *by* Lisa Highfield

Steve & Ann Hull *by*

Scott Hull, Jason & Donna Myers, Arlene Turner

Roy Miller *by* Ned Landis

Jennifer C. Munch *by* J. Christopher Clise

Carole Schroeder *by* Bob & Debbie Stewart

Brian Stewart *by* Bob & Debbie Stewart



Upcoming
Events!

March 9

July 7-14

September 7

Fundraising Banquet

Mission Team to Barahona

6th Annual Golf Tournament

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