



THE LEAST OF THESE  
**MINISTRIES**  
MATTHEW 25:40

Sharing **HOPE**  
amidst poverty.

March 2025



Photos showing the home, gutted by fire,  
of a mother and her five young children.



# A Still Small Voice

**IN THE 19TH CHAPTER** of the Old Testament book of 1<sup>st</sup> Kings, the Lord tells Elijah to stand on the mountain, and to wait for Him because He is about to pass by. Elijah does that, but the Lord is not in the rushing wind, in an earthquake, or in the fire. But He was in “a still small voice” (translated also as “a gentle whisper”).

I have had time to listen for that voice and the urging of the Holy Spirit. I also have watched Ricardo do the same. Recently we both felt we heard the whisper of God reveal to us the project for the April team.

Here is a little background information. We were distributing food in Batey 9 one day last month when the Pastor and leader made Ricardo aware of a single mom with 5 children whose home had been severely damaged by a fire. The children’s father began work on the frame and roof of a new home on property provided by someone in the community. He went as far as he could with the resources he had available.

We rode with the mom and her sweet little girl to see the beginning of the home. As we took pics both of us thought, “God would like her to have a new home.” Ricardo expressed this to me and I jumped for joy! God’s voice comes to those who listen—even in Batey 9.

A sad update to this story: Early this month, the children’s father passed away after a cardiac event.

Join us in April and see a house that love builds. You can also contribute to this project. Thank you and take time to listen for that still small voice. It is full of love for all. See inside for information about serving on the team or contributing toward this project.

—Jacki Stranathan

*Jacki Stranathan is a member of the Board of Directors of The Least of These Ministries.  
She is serving as a Missionary with the organization throughout 2025. Watch our newsletters and  
Facebook page for updates from Jacki on her ministry in the Dominican Republic.*



## November Mission Team

**IT'S BEEN A BUSY SEASON** for Mission Teams! Following a small team last October, we hosted a 13-member team from Suncrest United Methodist Church (Morgantown, WV) in November. The team, many of whom are young adults, chose to spend their Thanksgiving holiday serving others. The team poured several concrete floors, led Bible school activities, visited patients in the local hospital, and served on the Food Distribution.

One highlight of the week was the privilege of sharing Thanksgiving dinner with staff, children, and families at a local orphanage in Barahona. Team leader Ron Lytle and his family have a long-standing tradition of sponsoring this annual celebration at the orphanage, which is a ministry operated by a local church in Barahona city.



Pastor Larry (center) prays before the meal at the orphanage.



Wilton uses 'volunteers' for an object lesson during a bible school.



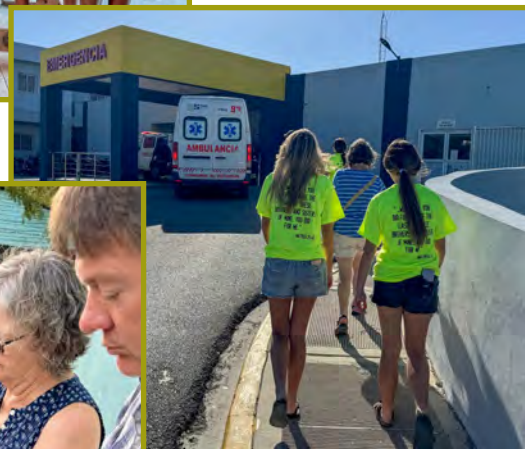
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## January Mission Team

**IN JANUARY, A TEAM OF SEVEN** traveled down to serve alongside our Board member, Jacki Stranathan, who began a year of Missionary service in Barahona just a week before the team arrived. This team worked with local construction crews to replace a couple of roofs and pour a concrete floor, held Bible schools for the kids, served with the Food Distribution team, visited the hospital, and visited community members.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

# MISSION TRIP

April 21-26, 2025

Join us as we partner with Westminster United Methodist Church to build a new home for a family who recently lost everything in a fire.

No special skills are needed—only a desire to serve!

Mission Team members will also have opportunities to serve with the daily food distribution ministry, participate in children's activities, and engage in evangelistic outreach!

Mission Team participation is \$645 *plus* airfare.

**Register online at [leastofthesemin.org](http://leastofthesemin.org) or call 443-918-7105!**

**If you'd like to financially support this team project (to help with the cost of construction materials and clothing and household items for the family), please check the 'April Team Project' box on the enclosed donation form!**

**REGISTER NOW!**

Scan this code with your phone's camera to access information & registration on our website!



*"When did I...?"*

Matthew 25:31-40

***Annual Banquet***

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025**

**4:00–7:00 PM**

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Come share a meal and fellowship with us as we celebrate  
and support the work God is doing in the Dominican Republic!

*Dinner · Silent Auction · Ministry Updates*

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***Register by March 28!***

**\$45 per Guest | \$340 Table Host (8 Guests)**

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