

CDEM would like to provide an opportunity for church groups or youth groups to experience mission work first hand. A short-term mission trip can:

- change your outlook on missions forever
- help you to pray more effectively for the mission you visit
- encourage those you work with
- help you to grow spiritually.

There are many ways to serve God through mission trips. Here are just a few:

- Construction Projects
- Vacation Bible School
- Evangelism
- Medical Clinics

There are always things that can be done, even by those who are physically limited.

We offer this opportunity to anyone who feels that God is directing them to serve in this way. Children should be at least 14 years old or accompanied by a parent. If you don't feel you are being called to come to the Dominican Republic, please join with us through prayer. Prayer is an essential part of our ministry, and your prayers are a blessing to us.

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Dominican Republic Statistics

Language: Spanish



Currency: Dominican peso

Climate: Tropical

Economy: Third World Country

Population: 8,715,602 (July 2003 est.)

Area: Slightly larger than twice the size of New Hampshire

Terrain: rugged highlands & mountains with fertile valleys interspersed

Conveniences: Few, Electricity & Water (most of the time)

Religion: 95% Roman Catholic

Food: Beans and Rice

Time: Unimportant, you get there when you get there and things get done when they get done.

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Christian Dominican Evangelistic Mission



**Sharing Christ
in the
Dominican Republic**

Christian Dominican Evangelistic Mission was formed in 1999 by Alberto and Lynette Rivas in conjunction with Cedar Falls Church of Christ in Cedar Falls, IA. CDEM is guided by a board of directors as well as by the Cedar Falls Church of Christ.

Alberto Rivas



Alberto is a native Dominican. He became a Christian at the age of 18.

He attended the Bible Evangelism Institute in Panama in 1991, remaining there an extra 10 months to work with the churches there.

When he returned, he served with the Dominican churches as well as with Gary Klein, medical missionary. In 1995, he enrolled at Colegio Biblico, a Spanish speaking Bible college in Eagle Pass, TX.

He met his wife, Lynette, while she was on a short-term mission trip, the summer before she began teaching at the Santiago Christian School, in Santiago, Dominican Republic. They were married in 1997.

Alberto graduated from Colegio Biblico in 1999. It was at this time that CDEM was established.

In June of 2003, Lynette died suddenly, leaving Alberto with two small children, Abigail, age 4, and Jonathan, age 6 months.

In spite of all that has happened, Alberto continues to work hard for the kingdom. It is his vision to plant churches. Once the church in the city of Monte Cristi is well established, he plans to begin other church plants in the province of Monte Cristi.



Monte Cristi

In the spring of 2001, God provided a nice piece of property in Monte Cristi. Soon, people began meeting in the carport behind the house for worship services. A basketball court was built beside the house to use as a tool to build relationships with the people and bring them into the church.



In the summer of 2002, Lynette quit teaching at the Santiago Christian School and they moved to Monte Cristi.

CDEM is currently working on developing a baseball field and retreat area in Monte Cristi. Baseball is the national sport in the Dominican Republic, and is an effective tool to use in ministry.

Although CDEM's ministry is focused in Monte Cristi, Alberto spends part of his time working with other missionaries who need extra hands. This includes medical clinics, transporting work teams, translating, or construction work. In addition to all this, he is involved with the Christian Camp located at Salcedo. He feels it is important to work together with other ministries to further God's kingdom.

New Worship Building

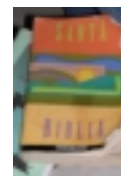
This fall, God provided the money to purchase property across from Alberto's home. The church has



more than doubled in size in the past few months, so they have been meeting on the basketball court. This land is to be used to build a worship center for the church to meet in. The people of the church have cleared it and purchased cement blocks. Now, they are patiently waiting for God to provide the rest of the materials necessary to build their new church building.

Cristian and Evelin Lopez

Cristian and Evelin work with Alberto in Monte Cristi. They are originally from Santiago. They moved to Monte Cristi in the fall of 2001 to minister in the new church.



Cristian is the minister of the church and does the majority of preaching and pastoral duties, along with helping Alberto with various work projects.

Evelin leads singing and teaches Bible lessons for the children. She also cooks delicious meals for the mission groups who come to Monte Cristi.



Cristian and Evelin have two children, Cristian Manuel and Emely.