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- ◆ Contact montecristicdem@yahoo.com to schedule Alberto for a church visit!



- ◆ Stop in and see Alberto, Robyn, Abigail and Jonathan at the International Conference on Missions (formerly the National Missionary Convention) in Indianapolis.

\$725 was donated to CDEM in memory of Gerald Lund. Gerald was the father of Lynette Rivas who helped to found the mission. Thank you to all who chose to honor his memory in this way!

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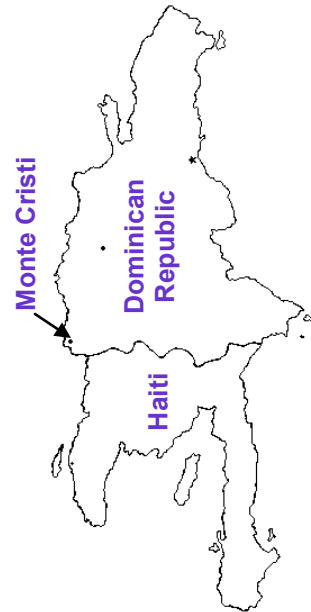
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Baptism in the ocean at Monte Cristi

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and Lori Rivas*

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Reaching Monte Cristi and the surrounding areas with the saving message of Jesus Christ.

We want to introduce you to our Dominican team of workers who make ministry in the Dominican Republic possible.



Martin is the pastor of the Monte Cristi church which serves as the home base of the mission work. He and his wife Marta have worked with the mission at the church in

Barrero for many years but recently moved to lead in Monte Cristi. He is gifted at mentoring men to become leaders and equipping the church members to serve. His family is very musical, and they train others within the church to participate in the music and drama. Currently, they have a guitar class with nineteen students. The church at Monte Cristi has had eleven baptisms since February.

Joselo is our pastor in Barrero. He was formerly an elder at that church where he was mentored by and worked alongside Martin. When Martin moved to Monte Cristi, the church chose Joselo to step into the position as pastor. He has successfully continued the ministry there, involving the people and training new leaders. Joselo is married to Yani.



Franklin is our new pastor for the Buenos Aires church. He previously helped at the



San Jose church which works closely with our ministry. More people have been coming to the services in the church there on Sundays, and they have also added a special service for teenagers on Saturday evening. Franklin will also be starting a guitar class in that neighborhood which will draw some interest as well as train people to serve in ministry. His wife, Rebecca, will be one of the teachers for our school this coming year.

Arismendy is the worker who has been with us the longest, serving since 2005. He takes care of the mission properties in Buenos Aires (school, church, ball field), drives for the churches and mission activities, and helps out in any way that is needed. What a blessing he has been to the ministry! He is married to Fior.



In June, three of our board members went down and spent some quality time with our leadership team. They came back encouraged by the direction, goals, and passion of the leaders there. We praise God for these men and their families!

Meet Domingo

Domingo Garcia was a songwriter who drank a lot and who, along with his girlfriend, had several children. In 1993, he was invited multiple times to the Barrero church, but, even when his family started attending, he refused to come. After a while, though, he was intrigued and began to visit the services. He decided to accept Jesus as his Lord and Savior and was baptized, and his life began to change. He married his girlfriend, he stopped drinking and he began writing Christian songs to give the glory to God. He became a strong Christian leader, and he now serves as an elder in the church. Praise God for changed lives!



First School Year Complete

The school in Buenos Aires finished its first year which was a challenging one. They are now preparing for the new school year which includes adding a first grade class and moving classes from the afternoons to the mornings. The kids will be served breakfast rather than lunch this year to help them have a productive school day. We have sixty kids lined up for the fall. Would you consider sponsoring one of these children for just \$35 per month? This will help provide their schooling, supplies and breakfast each day.

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A Pennsylvania work team helped build the foundation and columns for the shelter behind Barrero's current church building. This shelter is larger than the current building and will be used for church services. The children, who currently meet outside, will then move into the current building. A team is coming in January to build the roof. We are grateful for teams who come and help with these building projects and with ministry with the people. We have recently hosted several teams from Pennsylvania and Maryland. Thank you for serving!