

Alberto Available for Church Visits

Alberto, Robyn and family are currently based in Marshalltown, Iowa. In order for Alberto to obtain a long-term visa that allows him to travel freely between countries, he has to spend more time in the US for the next two years than in the Dominican. Right now, Alberto is in the Dominican working on getting the school ready to open in August, but he will return to the US at the end of April. While he is in the US, Alberto would love to come share with you about what is happening with CDEM. If your church or group would like to have him come and speak, please contact Robyn at robyn_simonsays@yahoo.com.

Visit Us at the Conventions



Alberto and Robyn plan to attend the North American Christian Convention in Cincinnati in July. They will not have an exhibit but would love to meet with you if you plan to be there.

CDEM will have an exhibit at the National Missionary Convention in Atlanta. Be sure to look us up!



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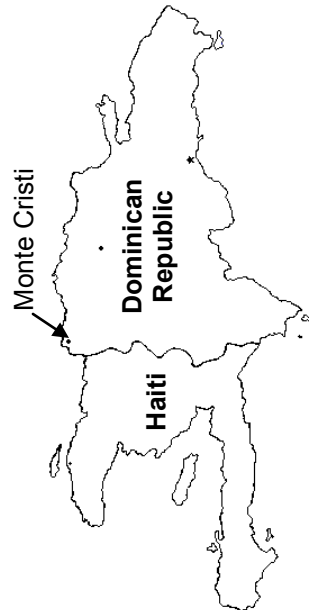
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Reaching Monte Cristi and the surrounding areas with the saving message of Jesus Christ.

2010 Overview

- Alberto spent January through mid-August in the Dominican coordinating earthquake relief for Haiti, making preparations for the school and overseeing the regular ministry work for CDEM

- From mid-August through December, Alberto traveled to churches in Iowa, Pennsylvania and Maryland representing the mission work. He also had an exhibit at the National Missionary Convention in Lexington, KY.

-In 2010, our four churches in the Dominican had 29 baptisms.

-An increased number of men and women got involved through the Men's Fraternity Bible Study and additional women's activities.

-Weekly Bible studies, teen services, evangelism and special events continued in the churches.

-Over \$40,000 of supplies were collected and delivered to Haiti following the earthquake.

-A feeding program for over 100 children in Haiti was started as an outreach of the Monte Cristi church. The children are fed two meals a week.



Haitian children in feeding program

-When the island of Hispaniola was hit by a hurricane in early November, ocean water flooded houses almost all the way up to where the mission is located. Many Dominicans and Haitians stayed in the rooms at the church until the water receded.

And the work continues in 2011....

Land was purchased in January which will enable us to add on to the Barrero church. This church has standing room only for many of their services.

Land was also purchased for a new church work in Navarrete which was started by Freddy, a long-time friend of Alberto. The church has been renting different buildings and outgrowing them quickly. CDEM purchased the land, and Alberto arranged for a team from Pennsylvania to come and build them their own church building.

During their time there, Alberto and the team worked during the day and held services at night. Five people were baptized early in the week. Over 200 people attended the celebration service they held at the completion of the new building. When Alberto gave an invitation at the end of that evening, thirty-six people came forward to make a decision. Freddy has been meeting and studying with these people. We are excited about how God is working in this sister church and are glad to have been able to help.

A CHANGED LIFE!

Junior spent eleven years in jail in the US for drugs. Once released, he was sent back to live in the Dominican. While Alberto and the team from PA were helping build the church building in Navarrete, Junior helped serve as a translator. He came forward during one of the services, accepted Jesus as his Savior, and was baptized. He is now involved in the church there in Navarrete.

A generous donation has made it possible for the mission to dig a well by the baseball field. This will be so helpful, especially during the times when water is not available through the city (which can be for a couple of weeks at a time). After a dry first attempt, we anticipate the current hole will have to be over 400 feet deep to hit a sufficient water supply (we're halfway there!)



Preparations for new school continue with newly painted chairs and tables. Classes begin in August.

School Sponsors Needed

For \$35 per month, you can provide tuition, school supplies and one meal each school day for one child. School begins in August so sponsors are needed immediately. One-time contributions for the school are appreciated as well to cover start-up expenses. For more information about how to become a sponsor, please contact Valarie at 641.352.5024 or email valarie@cdemdr.org.



CDEM Incorporation and Non-Profit

CDEM is incorporated and has received her non-profit status. All gifts can now be sent directly to the mission, and they will be tax deductible. We thank the Cedar Falls Church of Christ for serving as the sending church for the past eleven years. Special thanks go to Bevy Kimpton, Cedar Falls' missions treasurer, for all her extra work for all of those years! We are so grateful to you for your part in this ministry!