

Wheelchair Donated



Huba is an elderly lady at the Buenos Aires church who walks with a walker. She had great difficulty getting to church until a friend of the mission donated a wheelchair. Thank you, God, for providing for every need!

Work Teams Make Big Impact

We were blessed to have two work teams visit from Mountain Christian Church in Maryland since our last newsletter.

In late June, a team of 48 teens and adults came and did a fantastic job of helping in many



ways. They held three fairs for children, led a VBS, worked on the school building in Buenos Aires, and helped build a kitchen for a Dominican family.

In October, we had a team of seven adults from Mountain. They held a special evangelistic event for families in the community. They also taught children, ministered to the women, made home visits, completed several projects in and around the Monte Cristi church and much, much more.

We are so thankful for these groups and the great encouragement they brought to the Christians in the Monte Cristi area.

Thank you to Lamms

Sandy and Valerie Lamm returned to Maryland in mid-October. We want to thank them for pouring out their hearts to the Dominican people and the mission over the past year and a half. We are grateful for the eternal impact that they had on so many people.

You can help us save money by receiving our newsletter by email. Contact Valarie at vspiowa@aol.com to sign up!

Christmas Project

This Christmas, you can help provide Christian books for the new school. \$15.00 will buy a Spanish book that will allow children to learn about Jesus in their own language. If you would like to contribute, please make your check out to Cedar Falls Church of Christ and mark it "Christmas Project."

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

Rivas Update

Alberto has spent the majority of this fall in Maryland. He has been visiting supporting churches whenever possible. He has also been obtaining supplies for the new school and raising support for the mission and the school. This week, he will be attending the National Missionary Convention in Peoria, IL. Currently, Alberto is working on getting an extension to his visa so that the children can complete their school year in the States. Abigail is in 4th grade and Jonathan is in 1st grade. They are both doing very well.

Thanks be to God.....

This November, we give God thanks for our great Dominican pastors and workers who are faithfully ministering in our four churches in the Dominican.

In Monte Cristi

Ignacio Cruz is the pastor for the church in Monte Cristi. He has many years of experience in the ministry and brings a lot of wisdom to our Dominican team. He and his wife Paula have one son.



Natividad Morillo, better known as Naty, has been a great addition to our team. She helps Ignacio with the evangelism efforts in Monte Cristi and also works with the music and the teens.



Arismendy Uceta has been with our team the longest. He serves as caretaker of our pro-perties in Buenos Aires, drives the van for the many services and activities, leads door-to-door Bible studies, and works with the sports evangelism. He is married to Fior and has four children.

In Buenos Aires

Damian Cuello is the pastor of our newest church plant in Buenos Aires. In March, Damian married Suyapa. Together they are working to minister to the poor neighborhood near our baseball field and future site of the school.



In Madre

Ignacio, Naty, Arismendy and Damian all work together to lead services at our church in Madre. Each Wednesday, Ignacio and Naty go door-to-door and have Bible studies. Ignacio and Paula have also been teaching people in Madre how to read, using the Bible as their text.

In Barrero



Martin Colon is our pastor at the church in Barrero. This church is doing very well and has had 24 baptisms this year. They hold activities at the church every day of the week, and services are often standing room only. Martin is married to Marta, and they have three boys.

Community Efforts

The Monte Cristi and Buenos Aires churches work together to reach out to the community through a special service the first Sunday of each month. Both churches also host movie nights, go door-to-door leading Bible studies, and participate in sports evangelism.

Men's Discipleship Study

Each of our three church plants started off with mostly children. After some time, the women started coming. And, as is characteristic in the Dominican, the men came last. Therefore, one of our greatest challenges in our churches has been a lack of godly male leadership. We are now excited to begin a new discipleship study just for men called Men's Fraternity. We hope that through Biblical studies like this, God will raise up mature leaders in the churches.

Praises:

- Complete healing for Damian after motorcycle accident
- Many baptisms this year
- Progress continues on the school building
- Growth of Buenos Aires and Barrero churches

Please pray for:

- Dominican pastors and workers: Ignacio, Naty, Arismendy, Damian and Martin
- Godly men who will become leaders in the churches
- Plans for the new school
- Alberto's visa extension
- Barrero church expansion

