

EVERY DAY MINISTRIES

CANADA



A year to Remember 2023!

This was a year to remember as we celebrate God's faithfulness, favour, and blessings in so many areas of the ministry. We hosted multiple short term teams who linked arms with national leaders. Through a variety of events and ministries they impacted and encouraged thousands of people. We know lives were impacted for eternity by each team. The Ministry Development Centre Phase 1 was completed and we celebrated the dedication with our national leaders and pastors, as well as special guests from Canada. The centre has become the hub for so many of our ministries and events. Our central office in Nagua hums with activity daily as many of our ministries flow out from there, as well as all the Family Resource Centre Ministries, as well as our Seminary (SETCAR). Our L.E.A.D. ministries held conferences, seminars, and sessions in multiple locations empowering and equipping hundreds and hundreds of pastors and leaders. We also visited hundreds of pastors for one on one times of prayer, encouragement, and soul care over the last year. The Women of Destiny ministry continues to thrive with a variety of different events, as well as their first mission trip to Colombia (see report). The Tools for School program and CCP ministry helps hundreds of children and their families throughout the year. We praise God for the privilege and joy of being a part of what He is doing on this island. We thank God for each one of you for your support, partnership, and prayers. We thank God for your generosity, kindness, advocacy, and friendship you have showered on us and so many others we serve and help on a daily basis. We could not do this without you. Thank you for your partnership in the work of the ministry over this year to the Dominican Republic. As we come to the end of the year, we can only give the glory to God for all that was accomplished and we are looking forward with anticipation to 2024. May this CHRISTMAS season be a wonderful and blessed time for each one of you, and we are praying that 2024 will be a year of favour and blessing for each one of you.



Quick Updates:



SERVICES TO REACH THE YOUTH IN MANY



EVANGELISTIC OUTREACHES

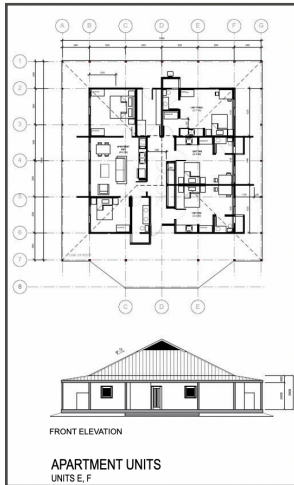


PASTORAL TRAINING FOR REMOTE AREAS



FIRE IN MY BONES CONFERENCES IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Growing and Thriving With Your Help!



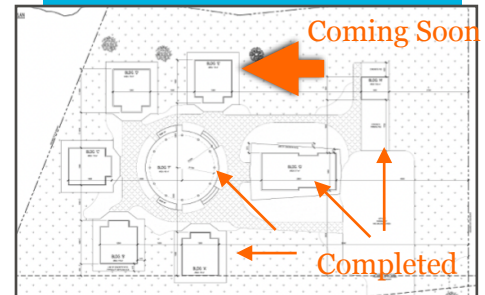
One step closer!

Our mission has not changed as we strive to equip, empower and enable local pastors to fulfill the vision God has given THEM for their communities, provinces, and nation and the world. We are ready to dream bigger, step out in faith, and trust God for the impossible. The foundation has been laid and we are building with our eyes on the future Dominican Leadership God will raise.

With the completion of PHASE 1 buildings we are able to function, but in a limited way. We are believing God for the next accommodation building. This will be a building that will look similar to the first dorm building on the outside, however the interior will be quite different. One side will be a two bedroom apartment with a kitchen/dining room/living room area. The other side will have three rooms each with private bathroom.

The dream of providing a place to help local ministries grow and develop so that communities are transformed by the power of God and the Good News of the Gospel is shared continues! The vision is to see people come to know Christ, be discipled in the local church, and reach others for Christ in their communities, province, nation, and to the ends of the world. We need your help in completing this next vital building! Make a donation today and help us reach our goal of 200,000.00. (with 50,000.00 already raised.)

Ministry Development Centre Continues to Grow!



Phase 1: COMPLETE!

PHASE 2: COMING SOON!
A building containing a two bedroom apartment and three guest rooms will commence construction soon.

Donations for this project can be sent to
www.paoc.org/donate/
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INVESTING IN THE FUTURE!

Each and every child is a person of extreme value. Their life has the potential to make a huge impact in this world. The Tools 4 School Program along with the Child Care Plus Program invest in the lives of children by providing support for families who can struggle to provide the basic materials needed each school year. This year we were able to help 163 students with uniforms, backpacks, school supplies, and shoes. Thank you to everyone who gave! God bless you!



From the Desk of the Missionary:

The POWER of prayer!

One of the things that so deeply impresses us about the evangelical church in Dominican Republic and Haiti

is their emphasis on prayer. 2023 was no exception. It was a year filled with all night prayer meetings, 24 hours of prayer, and days of fasting and prayer in so many of the churches. Many of the churches were open early in the morning and in the evening for people to come and pray. Pastors led the way in setting an example of a life of prayer. There were city wide prayer events held monthly where multiple churches of different denominations come together for prayer. They prayed for each other, for their churches, for their communities, cities, provinces, and nation, as well as for the nations of the world. Canada is often remembered in prayer! They exemplify the importance of prayer that Paul showed in his own life recorded in the Epistles. One verse that has always grabbed my attention is in 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 where Paul writes

“To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Paul believed in the power of prayer, and made it a priority in his life. He was intentional and disciplined in his prayer life. We see the same practice in the lives of Christians we have the privilege of serving. They are committed, disciplined, and intentional about praying. Why? Because they believe there is power in prayer! We also believe in the power of prayer. We have seen and experienced God’s intervention in our lives and the lives of those we have prayed for, often in miraculous ways, in answer to our prayers.

We encourage you to make prayer a part of your life. Be a person of prayer. If you are not sure where to begin, start with Paul’s prayer who simply prayed that “the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Prayer does make a difference, and we can confidently believe that God will answer our prayers.

That is our prayer for you as we enter 2024: that Jesus’ name will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to His Grace. *Adrian and Sharon*

Points of Prayer:

- Pray for additional funds to complete Dorm E building in 2024.
- Pray for two air conditioning units for our head offices.
- Pray for funding for church construction projects.
- Pray for health and safety for our missionary team.
- Prayer for provision for the local orphanage for food on a monthly basis.
- Prayer for missionaries serving overseas during Christmas.

Thank you for being part of our support team and joining us in prayer. There is such confidence in the power of prayer that we can move forward in the assurance that God is moving and working to accomplish the mission he has given to us. Thank you for your faithful prayer support. We deeply value each and every message and word of encouragement as we continue to serve in the Dominican.



God is raising up a generation of Dominican missionaries who will take the good news to the ends of the earth!

History was made in Colombia during the 10 days this team of Dominican missionaries spent in Chiquinquirá, Raquira and Simijaca, Colombia. We crossed three cultures during this trip: Colombian, Dominican, and North American! We also had three missions organizations in the mix, EDMC, The McCrea's, and The King's Quest. On top of that, our Dominican team of 16 members was made up of team members from multiple denominations-crossing denominational lines.



The team preached and gave testimonies in 14 services, taught leaders and ran the full Girls of Destiny program. They also taught a full High school program to youth leaders, visited the boys home twice- once to visit, and once to host a birthday party and give hand written letters to each of the 31 boys. They ministered in a community of disabled people. The worship group led worship in 13 services and three concerts in public parks-some communities for the first time in history!

Around 400 bibles were given out in three communities in conjunction with the local church members, as well as praying for those who wanted prayer as we went house to house. Hundreds of people were prayed for and ministered to in homes, churches, on streets, and in parks. **Thank you to our Canadian home team for praying for us, and giving so generously to see this dream become a reality! I have no words to express my gratitude and how proud I am of this amazing group of Dominican missionaries.** Thank you to Darren and Patty, Global workers in Colombia, for being willing to try something different, and host an EDMC Dominican team!

This was such an army of believers that came together to accomplish so much more than we ever believed for. So many lives were impacted with the simple message of Jesus! Thank you to each team member- you shared Jesus everywhere you went, you kept going even when things got were hard physically, emotionally and spiritual. You supported and helped and encouraged each other. You kept your eyes on the mission and didn't let challenges distract you. You stepped out and did things that you have never done before. Well done!

HOPE BASKETS

If you would like to bless a family with a basket of food during this Christmas/New Year season, we can help you!

There is an urgent need for the basic needs of many families during the holidays. For 65 CAN we can provide all the essentials for a deserving family. Give today and bless an entire family this Christmas!

MORE THAN A GIFT

If you would like to provide a gift, for one or more girls, who due to trauma, abuse or family breakdown will spend Christmas in the local orphanage, we can help you. We would like to provide each of the 30 children with a gift this Christmas, as well as the staff who care for them. Each gift communicates love, value and dignity for each child.

Donations of any amount is appreciated. Our goal is 1500.00.

END OF THE YEAR GIVING

With 2023 coming to the close many are looking to finish the year with charitable giving. We receive many requests daily for help. If you would like to give to our general account you will be empowering us to respond to the most urgent needs as we start the New Year. Thank you for your support throughout the year and my God Bless you richly as you partner with us to impact lives in the Dominican for Christ.

