

Partnership News

November 2015

Record Enrollment at Fountain of Life Christian School!



The Lord has provided a record enrollment of 356 students at Fountain of Life this year! This is exciting for the school, but that also means we have about 80 new students who need sponsors. Can you help us reach our goal of every child being sponsored? Go online to partnersnchrist.org to view children waiting to be sponsored. Perhaps this could be a ministry of a group to which you belong (Sunday school group, small group, classroom, etc). For informational brochures to give family or friends, contact Connie Boyd at ccomet55@yahoo.com.

Proclamation Presbyterian Visits Again

Proclamation Presbyterian Church was excited to return to Juan Tomas for our 6th year of ministry this summer. And what a joy it is to return to our brothers and sisters in Christ each year, and to see the way the Lord is richly blessing the men and women, boys and girls of this precious community.

We are so thankful—each time we return—for the way we see the younger generations rising up to take on the responsibility of leading the school and the church in a God-honoring way. Additionally, we are excited to see the buildings and classrooms that have been renovated or updated.

This year we were able to bring 18 folks from our church to Juan Tomas, and it might have been our best visit. Our job this year was mostly painting, which was humbling.

But in the process of doing humble work, it was clear to us that God was doing something eternally significant. Because as we were working, we were worshipping the Lord, we were having eternally significant conversations, and we were enjoying rich Christian fellowship.

And so, we are incredibly thankful for the wonderful relationships we have developed over these last six years. As we have stated before, it feels less like a missions trip, and a whole lot more like a heavenly family reunion! *Jeremy Johnson*



Upcoming Short Term Mission Trips:

January 8-17

Dayton Christian School, Dayton OH

February 11-16

Sponsorship trip

March 5-12

Ashland University Medical Trip, Ashland OH



Teachers from Fountain of Life attended a teacher workshop day this past summer.

Dear friends in Christ

I just want to thank you all for praying for Allie & me, and the whole team who went to the Dominican Republic. What an awesome time we had! God answered many prayers--from finally getting our bags (flight was late leaving Orlando--we made our connection in Miami, but the bags didn't!)....to finally meeting up with the rest of the team at the DR airport (had a little bit of nervousness as we couldn't find them & after praying a bit, I came face to face with Richard, one of the school administrators who I had met last year--I said Richard? he said Susan? & I gave him the biggest hug ever!!!) And that was just the beginning of the week!

Some of the projects of the week at the school included painting walls (including a beautiful mural done by 2 on the team who were very artistic), painting tables (I still have blue paint under my fingernails to prove it!), building a room on a house for a family in the church that has a teenage son with a brain tumor, tearing down a wall in one of the classrooms to make it larger, helping with blood pressure clinic before & after church (there were 2 of us nurses on the team, & we were kept rather busy at times! We even went on 3 home visits with a visiting nurse practitioner from Ashland University--quite different from home health visits in WY that I used to do!), my giving a devotional talk on prayer from II Chronicles 20 to the women on Monday evening & again Tues. a.m. with all the teachers! Others sharing their heartfelt testimonies at our team meetings and even with the Dominican group were very special as well. I was so impressed with their sincerity & vulnerability.

Though I only knew a few on the team beforehand & Allie knew none of them, the team melded together very quickly & all worked together so well. It was a great group! We experienced wonderful worship experiences with the Dominicans from the school and village--from a women's meeting Saturday night, to Sunday a.m. and evening services, Wednesday night service, and even a ladies' retreat on Thurs at a nearby home that also had a pool (this was quite unlike most of the houses in the village, needless to say!) Even though the singing was in Spanish, you felt the unity of the Spirit as we praised God together. A little taste of Heaven! All the sermons then were translated into English so we could understand, too. I was so impressed with the depth and sound Biblical teaching they get there. They're not just getting milk, but meat!!

We saw God at work in many ways--through the testimonies, through the Christian community of the teachers and staff who live at the school, through the reaching out to the community with the blood pressure clinic & free prescriptions, by the relationships that were formed amongst the team, & by the team with the staff and students. There are kids there all the time from morning to night, even when school is out--playing basketball, or volleyball, or just making up games. They definitely know how to have fun. And they were so helpful with us all week, too. Two of the Dominican teenage boys helped me a lot one day with painting the tables in the dining hall. One afternoon we held a field day where over 100 kids showed up from the village. At the end of that, Allie presented the gospel using an evangecube. What a privilege! Seeds were planted.

It's just so hard to put into words all that the week meant and will continue to mean. Allie was touched in so many ways--her desire for some time has been to become an OB nurse, midwife, and possibly become a missionary. This trip reinforced that desire even more, so we will see how the Lord leads! I can't begin to tell you what a blessing it was to experience this with my firstborn granddaughter!! God is so good.

I could go on & on, but I hope this gives you a little idea of what our week was like & how grateful I am for your many prayers for us. We could feel them for sure! We came home tired but very thankful for all the Lord did & showed us through these beautiful people in the DR! Thank you again!!

Love to you all, Susan Peoples (& Allie)

Ladies Ministry Report

By Rose Mery Taveras

Yary, Elizabeth and I have been leading the ladies group in church for around 3 years. At the moment, around 13 ladies gather together two Saturdays a month (2nd and 4th). The 2nd Saturday we share the Word of God among us. This year we are listening to a series about Proverbs 31, from www.avivanuestroscorazones.com with Nancy Leigh Demoss. The 4th Saturdays we meet to go out and preach the gospel to the ladies of the community. We think of some ladies in the village, pray for them and visit them at their homes to talk about Christ. We have visited around 8 ladies. We also met at Francia's house once and had around 8 ladies from the village hearing the gospel. Please pray for us as we minister to the ladies of Juan Tomas.

Last May 9th we had a conference, we invited a lady from IBSJ and she came and shared the word of God with around 70 ladies from Juan Tomas and Ferregu (a nearby community where Fifa's mother (Yary, Dario and Joel's mother) lives. She participates in the Hypertension Program and attends church regularly, and she invited many women from her community. (Richard transported them in the van)

We also had a very good time with the ladies of the group from Ashland:

Some of our ladies met with girls and talked about Biblical marriage, according to Titus 2:3-5. That was our second meeting with the girls of the church. The first meeting was in January where we had Ingrid talking about biblical singleness. God has blessed us so much through his Word. Please pray for spiritual growth for all of us.

On June 1st we met to pray, as we do every Monday, and had Susan sharing the Word. It was an awesome time hearing God's voice through Susan and praying together as one body and one nation in Christ. Ingrid and Mony lead this ministry of prayer. They started praying just the two of them and now many other women have joined them to pray every Monday.

On June 4th, we had a retreat with the ladies and girls of our church and the group. We went to the farm of Yary's brother (Ruben) and had a very nice time there. We sang, ate, swam in the pool together and heard Beth and Patsy from the Ashland group talk to us about accountability partners or "Journey Friends" as they call it. We also had a competition of questions and answers about James 4.

We couldn't be more blessed that week. We cried and laughed together feeling the communion of the Spirit among us.

At our next meeting with girls and ladies together on August 29th, we discussed modesty. Please pray that God continues to touch our hearts and help us be modest inside and outside.

Annual PIC Board Meeting



We once again welcomed Paul McMillan and Argenis Taveras from Fountain of Life Christian School, and Lester and Laura Flaquer from Logos Christian School, to the Mansfield/Ashland area. On Saturday, October 3rd, Partners in Christ held their annual board meeting, following a catered dinner on Friday night at the Ashland Grace Brethren Church for board members, their wives and other PIC supporters. Paul and Argenis Taveras presented updates on the school and church, including their exciting vision for the future of the Fountain of Life School, which includes a medical clinic, additional classrooms and a vocational school where students can learn advanced English, computer skills and nursing training.

Lester gave a report about Logos Christian School, and Laura told about the outreach ministry Logos teachers and students have in a nearby public school. Lester also presented the PIC board with an appreciation certificate for 30 years of support.

Blood Pressure Clinic Updates

So far we have 56 new patients in the program. I am praying that God will provide the funds to keep buying the meds. When asked if we could handle that many more, my reply is that God can.....if God has brought them to us He will give us the ability to handle them and we are praying that God will provide the funding for the meds that will be needed. We had 55 BP patients this past Sunday (5 of which were new). So far 4 people have come to know Christ as a result of the BP program.....one of them being Luis Bido (our house ridden gentleman of 90+ years). Dr. Dewey Dunn even baptized him. I told Dr. Dewey he was on the brink of death. His health was not good and Dr. Dewey went to his house and checked him and evangelized. PRAISE GOD!!!!!!

We all know this is God's program and we live by faith not by sight. I suspect we are not far from the 200 mark. Praise GOD. We have a great team of 8 dentists here. They are doing a great job and seeing many patients. They are an excellent team. Kathryn McMillan

Prayer Requests:

- For the leadership team of Fountain of Life School as they make decisions for the future of the school.
- For the medical ministry, especially the 200 people getting blood pressure treatment.
- For each of the teams as they prepare to go minister.
- For the health of all the leadership
- That we will get sponsors for the 80 kids who do not have a sponsor.

Therefore, we ought to support such men that we may be fellow workers with the truth. 3 John 8

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