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SHIPMENTS ARRIVE

Summer has come and gone. Fall is here, though in the Dominican Republic it doesn't mean cooler weather, and Island Light Ministries is busy preparing to open Phase 1 of the Villa Paraiso Vocational Training Center. Throughout the summer we have seen God open the doors of opportunity. In August we received two shipments of supplies for the Vocational Training Center. We have received much of the equipment necessary to begin classes in carpentry, sewing and cosmetology. We are so thankful for those organizations and individuals that generously donated to this need.



BUILDINGS NEAR COMPLETION

In conjunction with the arrival of the equipment two of the three buildings for the Trade Center have been constructed. The Woodworking shop is complete and the building that will house the Sewing and Cosmetology classrooms is nearing completion. Teacher interviews are underway and we are excited to report that we will have classes beginning very shortly.



Sewing Classroom



The Wood Shop

An additional blessing that God has provided is the possibility of cooperation from the Dominican Ministry of Education. We are currently in discussions with the local representatives exploring the opportunity to have a licensed teacher begin literacy classes in Villa Paraiso. We have discovered that a large percentage of the adults have under a 4th grade education. This is low even for Dominican standards. Classes in literacy begin in about 2 weeks. Adult men and women will learn, many for the first time, their alphabet.

HURRICANE IRENE

In late August Hurricane Irene became a direct threat to the North Coast of the Dominican Republic. Villa Paraiso sits up in the hills and is exposed to winds and storms. With the possibility of a direct hit by the storm the church was prepared to be a shelter to any family that might be in danger. God was gracious and the storm passed without incident but the church was visited by several families during the night that were worried and wanted prayer and company. Coffee, water and snacks were served by the members of the church throughout the night. Just as Jesus said, "I came to serve and not be served" these men and women touched lives through their selfless service to others.

Adults and kids come to the church just before Hurricane Irene



L to R: Ermis, Augustin, Ramon, & Pastor Jim prepare for the night

A Call for Missionaries

Have you ever considered sharing your talents and God's love with others? Have you felt God's call on your life to serve Him in another culture? Island Light Ministries is praying for missionaries to work alongside Jim and Debra in Villa Paraiso and Playa Encuentro.

The ideal candidate would be able to raise their own support, work well alongside the present members of the ILM team and have a reasonable fluency in Spanish.

We are looking for a 3 month to 1 year initial commitment.

Interested? Please contact Islandlightministries@gmail.com attn: Jim



Mark 16:15 "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation"

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