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Families receive their gifts at the Christmas Service
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CHRISTMAS IN PARAISO

Months of work and planning culminated on Saturday Dec.18th with a Christmas program and dinner that was held in the Church in Paradise Village.

A whole pig was purchased. It was cooked and brought ready to be carved by José, a resident of Paraiso. The pork was served with rice, salad, bread, mandarins, juice and cake. Each person attending the Christmas dinner received dinner and a gift.

Worship music, specially prepared for this service, filled the church as the locals from the village worshiped the birth of the prophesied Messiah. The Paradise Village dance team performed a special dance and a hope filled Christmas message was shared by Pastor Jim Tunnicliffe. It was a beautiful and blessed day. We thank God for everyone who participated in making this Christmas dream come true.

Thank you to our generous donors. The Samaritan Foundation provided toys for 300+ children and miscellaneous family hygiene items that were added to the family gift packages. The Landis family, Jason, Leah, Parker and Gracie along with Steve and Sharley Cox, all from Medford, Oregon

funded the purchase of enough gifts for more than 100 families, the full Christmas dinner for over 300 persons and a bag of candy for each family to take home.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE

Though many families have been blessed to receive a new home in Paradise Village many still live in extreme poverty. As we are out during the week visiting families we are always asked to pray for families that need work, or food, or money to send a family member to the doctor. We see that so many of the families don't have enough food to feed themselves and their children. Because they are a very generous, loving and hopeful people they usually say nothing about their situation but you can't help but see that many of them have no food in their house. Some kitchens consists of a makeshift countertop and if they don't have a cooking stove then the cooking is done outside "al carbon" in a cooking pot that holds charcoal.

Mariz and her three children live on \$30.00 monthly. This must cover the cost of their food and any other expenses that they will have for that month. We are so thankful that we have been able to supplement the income of Mariz's family and others like her but the special donations that supported that fund are almost completed and we can't continue without help. Please consider supporting our food ministry that helps hungry families in purchasing food and also the cost of LP gas, or charcoal so that they can cook in their own homes.



Mariz and son, Jon Len

Surf Competition and Beach Church

November brought with it the 2nd annual Master of the Ocean Surf Reunion Contest. Hundreds of surfers gathered from all over the Dominican Republic to participate. Island Light Ministries, partnered with Christian Surfers Int'l., had the opportunity to meet and share with many and our Sunday morning service was well attended by many surfers. Gustavo, from Macao Surf Adventures on the east coast of the DR, gave a powerful testimony of how God encouraged him through the witness of another brother in Christ at a most difficult time in his life. We have known Gustavo for many years and are blessed to see him living in the joy of the Lord.



**Above left: Jesus Perdomo, Surfistas Christianos DR, shares the Word.
Above right: A competitor rips
Bottom Right: Brother Gustavo**

A SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to personally thank each of you who have faithfully supported Island Light Ministries this past year. Without your support, as unto the Lord, we could not have reached out and touched the lives of so many thankful people here in the Dominican Republic. Lord bless you and your family and may God richly bless you in the year to come.

Our prayer for the New Year is to be able to accomplish even more, si Dios quiere (if God wills). With the building and opening of the Paraiso Vocational Training Center we are looking forward to reaching more people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



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

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