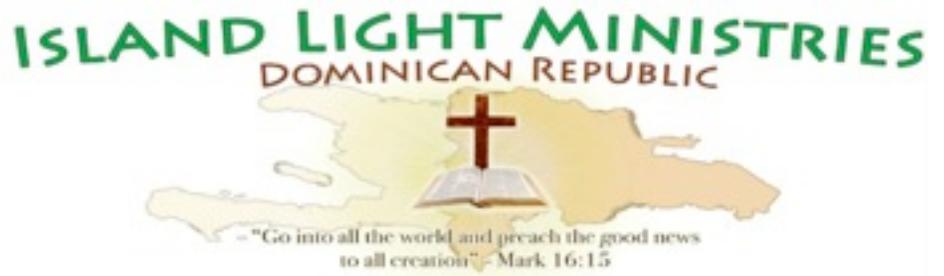


**Christmas in Paradise**  
**2012**

For the third year we have had our Christmas Celebration Service, Christmas dinner and gift distribution for the people living in Villa Paraiso (Paradise Village). The church was packed and once again, with the generous help of many, we fed over **300** and were able to distribute over **600** gifts. Unlike the years past that were clear and warm, this year the rains came and were unrelenting for the entire evening. Clothes were wet but spirits were undaunted.

Island Light Ministries thanks:- 360 Church, Helping Hands International, Hedrick Middle School, Mike & Stefanie Hartwell, Dave & Susie Marshall, the Texas team- Chris, Bob, Randy & Russell.

Much of the help preparing and serving the meals came from the church members, however, we were especially blessed to have the entire Burkhalter family, Board members of Island Light Ministries, here helping. And the Lord brought a special friend from Montreal to help- Merci, Robert! Dieu vous bénisse.



Seth, Rhonda, Syllas on wrapping day.



The salad, the rice, the three little pigs & desert.



Christmas service – Pastor Jim Tunncliffe



Dinner, a gift and the Word of God.



## **Technical School Paradise Village**

The Technical school (Colegio Técnico Villa Paraiso) is on Christmas break. This gives us a chance to prepare for the coming year and to reflect on the year past. We must give thanks to the Lord for all that He has done this year.

And what a year it has been.

- More than 200 men and women attended classes and received certificates of completion in the area of Sewing: clothes and household goods, Hair cutting, Hair Styling, Nails and pedicures.
- Several students began 'cottage industries' from their homes.
- One student was hired by the School to continue manufacturing items needed for the school.
- An adult literacy class began and now is an official Adult Night School, registered with and taught by the Department of Education.
- Special one day seminars were held in the School. Professionals came to teach the entire community on various subjects including: disaster preparedness, and domestic violence.

2013 promises to be even better. Lord willing, we will quickly add classes in small engine mechanics and carpentry. New areas of study will be offered in sewing and cosmetology and the Adult Night School has the goal of expanding the grades offered to the community.

All in all, this has been an amazing year. Our prayer is always that God will receive the credit and the glory. And that the Dominican people will be blessed spiritually and empowered materially to change their lives.

## **Thank you**

To all of those that have prayed for the Ministry and have given of their time and resources we would like to say, "Dios les Bendiga! (God Bless You!)".

"He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."

[Ephesians 4:16 New Living Translation]



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