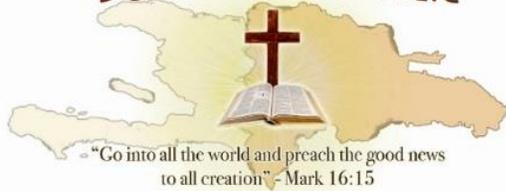


ISLAND LIGHT MINISTRIES

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



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THE YEAR IN REVIEW: FEEDING THE PEOPLE: SPIRITUALLY, EDUCATIONALLY, PRACTICALLY

When the Israelites crossed the Jordan, after being freed from slavery in Egypt, God commanded that they pick up twelve stones from the river bed and create an Altar of Remembrance on the river bank inside the Promised Land. Each time the altar was seen it would remind the Israelites of all that God had done for them, His blessings, His power and His promises.

This newsletter, we hope, will serve as a testimony to the Power of God, His promises and His blessings for the Dominican people of Paradise Village and the area of Sosúa.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH PARAISO VILLAGE (IGLESIA CRISTIANA VILLA PARAISO)

The church continues to be a center of activity in Paradise Village. From regular services Sundays and Wednesdays to special activities for adults and children we are blessed to be able to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to residents and visitors.



The Seedlings
Children's
Program

Left: Class in
session

Right: Graduation
Ceremony



This summer we were blessed to have a special 12 week program called Seedlings. This is a program designed for evangelism and discipleship for children ages 8-12. Over 60 kids participated in the program and many more watched from the windows. Children learned about Jesus and how to live a Christian life each day.

DAILY BREAD FEEDING KITCHEN

A program of dry goods distribution and nutritious hot meals for the needy in Paradise Village

Each Thursday men and women gather at the entry to the Children's Church to receive a package of rice, seasoning, canned vegetables (when available), cooking oil and other staples for the family. During 2014 an average of 40-50 families came each week.



Every morning healthy milkshakes made from fruit grown on the Church property, oatmeal and yogurt are distributed to the elderly and young in need.

While each Friday the Children's Church becomes a cafeteria where over 100 hot, healthy lunches prepared by volunteers in our Daily Bread kitchen are served to all that are in need in Paradise Village. Meals are usually comprised of rice & beans or pasta & sauce, vegetables (many grown in our garden), salad and seasonal fruit.



Above: Nenita preparing bread
Left: A hungry mouth to feed

Right: Debra and the regular volunteers, Modesta, Paola, Neidy(L-R)

Below: Guillermo unloading donations of dry goods.



TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OF PARADISE VILLAGE (INSTITUTO TECNICO EDUCATIVO & VILLA PARAISO ADULT LITERACY SCHOOL (ESCUELA NOCTURNA)

For the third year the **Technical Institute** has provided vocational training to students from many areas of the North Coast. This year, in addition to classes in Sewing and Cosmetology, a full year class was offered in Furniture Upholstery and Repair. We were blessed to have the Peters family from Gretna, Manitoba return for the second summer to continue teaching Small Engine Repair and to help in other areas of the Ministry. Thank you Chris, Cheryl, Jacolyn & Jennifer.

Several opportunities to increase the sustainability of the Institute were initiated. Our woodshop teacher and students building wall cabinets and dining room sets offered for sale to the sponsors of the Dominican families and several graduates from Sewing are working to make cleaning uniforms for a private school are two ways ILM is working towards providing employment opportunities for students and sustain the operation of the Technical Institute.

In 2015 the Technical Institute is exploring opportunities to increase our curriculum to include classes in Residential Plumbing and Electrical.

The **Adult Literacy School** increased enrollment from 47 to 89 students. Classes in literacy and mathematics are offered from 1st through 7th grades. The Department of Education donated many desks and chairs to the Literacy School and has committed to continue to send qualified Dominican teachers to further augment the classes offered. We are committed to offering more opportunities to Dominican adults to complete their education, expand their employment possibilities and provide a higher quality of life to their families.



LEFT: Purses, purses, purses
RIGHT: Chris Peters and two students of Small Engine Repair





Upholstery Class: left- relaxing on a completed project.
Above- working on curtain valances.
Adult Literacy: Left- exam time at the new desks.

The mandate we received in 2008 when Island Light Ministries was formed was:

Mark 16:15 'Go into all the world and preach the Good News to all creation'.

We believe that this mandate includes much more than just preaching with words. It requires living as Jesus lived, a life of service and sacrifice to others for the Glory of God. Jesus demonstrated His love by going to the Cross at Calvary. His love was a love in action. This is what our goal is, to love in word, in action and in Jesus name.

As God grows the work of Island Light Ministries the financial needs increase. We are currently receiving donations and making financial partners for 2015. Your help is invaluable.

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