

# Dominican Happenings

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Debbie and Helpers minister to children in the Rieles neighborhood.



Before picture in Suarez Church



After picture in the Suarez Church



Water for mudslide victims in Tamboril.

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## Crusade Impacts Esperanza and Montecristi

Considering that it rained each night, the turnout of nearly 1500 people in Esperanza was outstanding. There is a hunger for the Word of God in **Esperanza**. This city of nearly 100,000 was blessed with the ministry of Evangelist Roy Porter and his Evangelistic Team from Greenville, South Carolina. The meetings were moved to a covered municipal meeting area because of the rain.

During the three nights that the team ministered, almost 300 people came forward to receive Christ into their hearts or to seek special prayer. It was a great joy to work with Pastor Juan Carlos Perez who laid the groundwork for the crusade. The Ministers Association of Esperanza wholeheartedly pro-

moted and supported the event.

The day after the crusade, Evangelist Roy Porter moved up the north coast to a church in the city of **Montecristi**. Pastor Miguel Campos and his congregation were deeply blessed by the visit of the team. Meetings were held at

the church for three nights and there was a notable move of the Holy Spirit as people were healed and baptized in the Holy Spirit. It was a great pleasure for Mitch and Debbie to be able to help as translators for the team.



## Rieles Church Still Awaiting New Property

It was November 2007 that the Rieles Church and property was washed away by the flooding of the Camu River. Since then a new congregation has been forming closely with the help of Pastor Gemuel Delgado. Besides the weekly services in the

rented shelter, the church is also ministering to children through a program that helps them keep up with their public school studies. The City Council has promised to donate property for the new church building, classrooms, water treatment

plant and playground. Please pray for this worthy project.



Clown Ramona and Pastor Gemuel



**Joshua and Karina's Wedding, Dec.28,2008**

## Calvary Senior Class Evangelizes the DR

Once again this year, we were blessed with the visit of the Calvary Academy Senior Class from Lakewood, NJ. They ministered in churches and schools throughout the Dominican Republic. Conservative estimates were that they led 700 young people to the Lord through their dramas, music, and testimonies. Their percussion band electrified the audi-

ences as they used ordinary hardware items to create street music. Overlooked musical instruments like an electrical box, a mop pail, a metal coiled conduit cable, huge nuts and bolts all expressed the message that God sees our

potential, and we have great value to him. God doesn't make junk.



**The percussion band at work at a public school in Esperanza.**

## Scott Steelman and the team from Rosemary Beach



**Men's Retreat in the mountains**

from Chapel at the Beach, Rosemary Beach with Scott Steelman. They led a spiritual breakthrough in the Ranchito and La Vega area. Besides holding seven abstinence workshops at two different schools, they also organized a 3 day men's retreat for about 50 men, and a 2-day ladies workshop that involved more

than 60 women from Ranchito. Tears were shed as God ministered to hearts in both activities. 10 men made first time commitments to Christ, and both groups made commitments to serve the Lord better. Pastor Joselo Toribio is expecting a great revival in this town.

In April we had the pleasure of hosting the team

## Mitch's Mom, Delia E. Martinez with the Lord

*Quoted from the Memorial Service which Mitch conducted.*

"Mom was a mega-hero to us. Not because she was a survivor (28 years of battling cancer), but because of who she was. She was a great encourager, there was

nothing her children could not do. There was no work of art they did that was not brilliant. There was nothing that they may have been going through that was unimportant to her. I know, as she was quick to call and ask me to pray for them. She was creative, artistic, compassionate, and

full of love. She gave good advice, words of comfort or direction, and even a scolding at times. In I Cor. 13, the Apostle Paul describes what love is. In it, I couldn't help but notice so many attributes of my mom." The Lord took home a special person in her, and we will miss her.

**Mitch with his Mom. We will miss you Mom!**



**Delia Esther Martinez  
June 1, 1932 - March 31, 2009**