

Dominican Happenings

Mitch and Debbie Martinez - Your Missionaries to the Dominican

Life after Death at the Rieles

Many of you helped with relief after Tropical Storms Noel and Olga, and we are so grateful. Over 80 beds were distributed to desperate families, plus clothing, bedding, personal items, buckets of supplies, and even stoves, gas tanks, and food. Thank you to all who sent an offering, and especially to those churches who made it a project. **You have made an eternal difference in their lives.**

Why can we say this? All those visits to the neighborhood opened up doors to homes and hearts. We don't have a building anymore, but we do have a church! We have started a daily after school program for children who need help with their



The building was destroyed during the storm. Every Wednesday we fill

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up the van with helpers and lead four different home cell groups in Los Rieles. Over sixty adults are being ministered to in these meetings. On Sunday afternoons we are holding services under a tree and have a growing congregation of about 25 adults and 40

children. What was meant for destruction has born fruit for the Kingdom of God. The Rieles church is growing.

Please pray for a property the city council is considering donating to us for the church.

PROJECT NEEDS

Rieles Church needs land!

Please pray for a good property near Los Rieles that would accommodate a church, a playground and educational classrooms. We already have teams willing to come and help us build the church, but we need the land!

Church/school for Ranchito

We have made the initial payment on the property in Ranchito for a new church and school. Pray for the remaining funds and teams. The total was \$22,000.00, still needed is \$15,000.00. Pastor Joselo Toribio has a growing congregation and needs this building.

Church for Los Suarez The foundation has been poured and the walls are at window height for this growing church. \$6,000 is needed for completion.

La Vega Christian School

1. Our goal is to build four classrooms ready for use by late August. Funds are in for the majority of this project, and two teams will be coming in July to help.

2. We are badly in need of a multi-purpose building. Phase 1 will be \$20,000. The total cost is \$60,000.



Debbie sharing under a tree in the Rieles area



If you missed our last newsletter, remember that every other newsletter will now be sent via email. **Please email us and ask for your newsletter so we can be sure that you are on our mailing list.** From time to time we email updates about special prayer needs or emergencies in our host country. Thanks for your patience in this.

Email to: dominicanmissions@hotmail.com

Family Happenings!

Mitch was blessed with the opportunity of a study tour to Israel for three weeks in May. As a Bible teacher, his understanding has been revolutionized.



Mitch sports a new look for Israel

Johnny is stationed at Kodiak Island, Alaska with the Coast Guard and will be traveling quite a bit this summer.



Joshua is now engaged to a beautiful young lady named Karina and has announced a December wedding date.

with her in June.

Janice Cintron, Mitch's cousin is now helping a medical ministry, "Island Impact" in Sosua, on the northern coast of the DR. We had a great time with her in June.



Debbie and Janice at the Clinic



The Rieles Church in Urgent Need of Funding

We are giving much emphasis to this project because of the importance of resolving a pressing need here. As many of you know the storms of November and December destroyed the nice sanctuary we had in the Rieles area. Not only was the building destroyed, but the river also took all of our land completely away.



In the front page we talked about the current ongoing ministry there at the Rieles.

We have received \$2500.00 thus far for this project and are praying for some land soon. **We have a church team willing to come in November and help with the construction of this church, that is why we are making a special push in this newsletter. Your prayers can make a difference during this time.**

Any offerings towards this project can be mailed to:

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PO BOX 1761

Columbia, SC 29202

Ph: 863-248-1119 or 809-573-1533

La Vega Christian School News

So many things are happening in school! One was Reading Month. All our students and teachers had reading goals. As a school we surpassed our 75,000 pages in April!

Another big event was the first annual Senior Class missions trip. In April we took our seniors to Haiti, where we ministered in two Christian schools, an orphanage and a home for senior citizens. This was a first for our students and their teachers. In April, we were busy practicing the songs and dramas, and raising funds for the trip. Each student raised \$3800 pesos, which is about \$110 dollars. The school is catching the vision to have an annual missions emphasis.

We will be receiving several groups of missionaries this spring and summer. Sheila Lee, a new teacher from South Dakota, hosted a team from her home church. They ministered in the school, Los Rieles, and Los Suarez, where they helped with the construction of the church. We so appreciated their visit! The Seniors from Calvary Academy in Lakewood, New Jersey came again and ministered in public and private schools and in area

churches. They also helped with the 4 new school classrooms. This summer we will be receiving groups from Colorado, Florida, Texas and New Jersey. Contact us if you want to come!

Here in La Vega every day people are calling the school to register their children for next year. It is a time of explosive growth, both in the school and the churches.

We always need missionary teachers to help in our English program. If you know anyone interested in coming to teach next year, please have them contact Debbie at lavegaschool@hotmail.com or call 863-248-1119. This is a life changing opportunity for both teachers and students!



Calvary Academy on television.