

DOMINICAN HAPPENINGS

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Financial Update: Please remember that your missionaries Mitch and Debbie Martinez depend on the generosity of God's people for monthly living and ministry expenses. Last month we saw a considerable drop in support. Will you pray about becoming a financial partner in ministry? Please return the enclosed pledge form with your first offering. Your church will receive missions credit.

Baseball Clinic Impacts Children in Ranchito

Thanks to the help of Scott Steelman and a ministry team from northern Florida (representing two churches), a 4-day baseball clinic was held to boost the local baseball league in the town of Ranchito last month.

Devotions were shared twice daily. Over 200 children and adults expressed that it was the first time they had ever prayed to receive Christ as their Savior. The highlight of the clinic was to visit the church for

the Sunday service and see that over 200 children had turned out in their red jerseys to thank the team. Parents and community leaders expressed their appreciation.

Mitch had the privilege of helping to coordinate and set up for the team, and translate throughout the training sessions. He worked closely with Pastor, Joselo Toribio.

The team divided up the 280 plus participants into different training stations and worked with the chil-

dren on batting, catching, and throwing skills. Half the children had never played baseball before because of lack of equipment. The team blessed the local baseball league with many gloves, balls, bats, and three full catchers equipment sets. Also, 282 Baseball T-shirts were printed and handed out on the last day in support of the local league. Besides the name of the town and the league, the red shirts were inscribed with the words "Glorifying God in Baseball".



Update on the Rieles Church: The church has a new Pastor, Gemuel Delgado, a recent AG Bible Institute graduate. We have made a step of faith and are currently renting a former dance hall until property can be obtained.

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Scott Steelman and his team from north Florida (up front), with 280 children



Early Education Wing Added to La Vega Christian School

It made for an exciting summer to host different teams from the U.S. that helped with the construction of a four classroom wing added to the primary school building.

rooms by the first week of October. This was a monumental task to take on this summer, but we thank God for his help through supporters and church work teams that helped make it possible.

Helping Hands Ministry (whose founder is our dear friend Rev. Ted Griner), once again supplied the funds for all the windows and doors. Our good friend Pastor Steve Hastings (Monroe, NC) and his cousin, Randy, came to help with the plumbing.

Four weeks of torrential rains slowed the project but thanks to the help from Calvary Lighthouse (NJ), Sunset Chapel (FL) and Grace Community Church (CO) we were able to continue and get into the class-

The classrooms will be used by the early education department to take care of 2-5 year old children. Each classroom has its own bathroom which is a wonderful help to the teachers.

The new wing was built to handle three stories which means we will have space to add 8 more classrooms in the future.



La Vega Christian School Celebrates 10 years

Enrollment is near 450 this year at La Vega Christian School. A little over ten years ago we broke ground for the construction of the current facility. Many area pastors were on hand for the dedicatory prayer of this Christian school. On November 7th, 2008, once again many pastors were on hand to pray and celebrate ten years of service as an educational institution dedicated to the service of God.

Close to 100 seniors have graduated from the school, and many have gone on to receive professional degrees. Over five hundred children have had opportu-



nities to receive scholarship help throughout the years. Some of these are currently studying at the university also with help from state-side sponsors. To us, all of it is a miracle. We are amazed at God's provision,

the teams he has sent to help us build, the incredible staff that works with us, the testimonies of students and their families, all of which give us hope that truly our "fruit will remain." Thank you for doing your part.

Prayer Requests

1. Favor with the government for the Rieles property.
2. Ranchito still needs a church building.
3. Los Suarez needs a roof for their sanctuary.
4. For Joshua's upcoming wedding, this December 27th.
5. Mitch's mom whose health is not doing very well.
6. For The production of La Biblia Para Hoy (the TV program), that it will move forward.