

Missionary to the Dominican Republic from the Diocese of New Jersey

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"...just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me."

Matthew 25: 35-40

I would like to thank Bishop Stokes, the Diocese of New Jersey and Christ Church Toms River for their continued support and prayers. I am beginning my 7th year as the Diocese of NJ Missionary to the Dominican Republic.

We now have a new Bishop in the Dominican Republic, Bishop Moises Quezada Mota. This past year, and going into this year, his emphasis is on repairing and developing our schools and churches. We are developing programs for our schools that will give skills to both men and women to be able to take care of their families and to keep young girls off the streets. The beautician school has been in operation for the past 4 years and has graduated more than 100 young people. Also we are developing courses in carpentry, sewing, upholstery and silk screening. These classes will give them skills needed to take care of their families.

We have a scholarship program that assists children be able to go to our schools. Many families can't afford for all of their children to attend school; sometimes they have to choose which one will go to school. The scholarship cost is \$350 dollars. Education is one of the best ways out of poverty.

The mission teams from the USA that come down to the DR help with these projects. Many of the DR schools and churches do not have electricity every day, so we are in the process of installing solar panels and batteries to provide electricity all the time. We are digging wells and installing water filtration systems to provide electricity and clean drinking water.

We have other groups that build pews, paint churches and schools, build playgrounds, and many other projects. We can develop a mission trip especially for your group. As we aim to develop these projects, we are not only looking for your financial support, we are also looking for your prayers and for you to develop spiritual relationships with the Dominican people.

The idea is to teach them how to fish; not just give them a fish. I work with all of the mission teams and coordinate the programs. It is a privilege to be able to serve the Lord in this way.

If you would like to help with any of these projects, please email me at charliedrmissionary@gmail.com. Thank you.

Blessings,

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