



Dominican Republic Field Director's Update

The fields are ripe in Dominican Republic!

During the past year, the pace of ministry and growth on the Kids Alive field in Dominican Republic has been both exhilarating and challenging! It is truly amazing to step back and consider all that God has done and continues to do through the partnership and gifts of His people.

Though we've been heavily involved in the many ongoing ministries in DR, in many ways it's also been a year of preparation for the future. We're more convinced than ever that the only way to rescue vulnerable kids from a life of poverty and despair is through education, and so many of our preparations are focused on increasing academic opportunities.

Most kids here don't finish high school, and very few at-risk kids finish the 8th grade. Without a quality education and the kind of mentoring that encourages it, there's little hope of breaking free of generational cycles of poverty and dysfunction. Kids Alive is committed to building the schools and programs that give these children the tools they need to become all God intends them to be.

That's why you'll see construction at our care centers – we're working to convert each one to fully accredited private Christian schools. Sometimes that means a new building, and sometimes it means an addition or a new floor on an existing building. Usually it involves practical, hands-on help from Service Teams who come to share their skills and hearts with us.

But always, it means new opportunities for bright futures.

Whether our kids are living in Kids Alive family-style residential homes, or whether they come from surrounding communities and need robust educational, medical, and other assistance, it's our goal to equip them to live independent, productive lives and become blessings to their communities.

Most of all, we're privileged to introduce them to the One who offers both earthly and eternal hope and lead them to know and serve Him.

Thank you for all your support, through your gifts, your prayers, and your participation on Service Teams in the past year. You are part of a bountiful harvest!



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Looking back and thanking God for...

- Record number of high school graduates
- Record number of university graduates
- University scholarship program growing to 61 students
- 60 Service Teams volunteering with us
- Newest school building opening in Santo Domingo
- Allowing us to serve more than 1,900 children daily in 10 programs
- Opportunity to co-host a major conference on sexual purity



Looking forward in faith to...

- Growing the scholarship program by 10-20 more students
- Converting our last two care centers to private Christian schools
- Fully developing programs for missionary preparation, in-field care, and re-entry

Looking to God in prayer for...

- Guidance and wisdom in selection of children for our various programs
- More child sponsors and site partners to allow us to help more children
- Strengthening of our high school discipleship programs
- Additional funding for university scholarships

Thank you for being part of His harvest in Dominican Republic, redeeming and restoring the lives and hopes of children who, without you, would have no one to believe in them!

“Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Matt. 9:38 (NIV)

Casa Monte Plata Children's Home
and Eva Russell School

