



*Called to build up
Faith, Hope and Love
LA FE, LA ESPERANZA, Y EL AMOR*



JOHN & JANE HUIZINGA

Serving the poorest
in the Dominican Republic.

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.” 1 John 3:16-18

What a blessing it is when people heed the call to tend the needs of the poor. This year already, five mission teams have come to show and express the love of Christ to many of the needy. By participating in the building of homes, churches, clinics and schools along with visiting the sick in the hospital, a drink and snack to the hungry and shoes to the shoeless, we can only “Thank The Lord” for his “Love In Action And Truth!”

INAUGURATION OF VILLA NAZARETH



Mayor Of Sosua - Dedication

The inauguration of *villa Nazareth* was held on Sunday, January 25, 2009 to mark the completion of the 7th project for the Samaritan Foundation. The villages of *Maranatha, Bethany, Emmanuel, Trinity, Redemption and Ascension*

are completed also. One hundred families in desperate need have received a newly constructed block home in *Nazareth* during the past two years, with the final two families receiving their homes during the grand celebration.

The mayor of Sosua, local politicians, media, Rotary club members, missionaries and hundreds of people attended the ceremony to give thanks for the many blessings these families received.

The greatest challenge during the building of *villa Nazareth*, was constructing homes on a steep hill that required grading and the construction of many retaining walls.

The school and medical clinic sit high up on the hill enabling them to capture the beautiful island breezes. *Servant Heart Ministries* (www.servantsheartdr.org) operates the medical clinic while *Dominican Advance* (www.dominicanadvance.org) constructed and administer the Christian School.

A water pipeline and a 20,000 gallon cistern were built in July 2008 with the generous support of our sponsors,



Elio Madonia



villa Nazareth

because the existing well was not large enough to supply the entire village. Many volunteers from *Nazareth*, both men and women took a turn with pick and shovel to dig the trench for the pipe line which formed a community bonding experience. It was a joyous occasion when the water flowed into the cistern ensuring a constant supply of potable water for everyone. Things that we take for granted such as electricity and streetlights are a great blessing to these families also. Thank you to the many who provided the funds to build the homes, the school and the medical clinic.



The Samaritan Foundation is now focusing on the villages of Esperanza and Paraiso. Please consider sponsoring a home for these needy families.

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.....A FAMILY AFFAIR

Mission teams that come to work with the *Samaritan Foundation* are usually a mix of Christians, non-Christians, church, school, or work place groups and recently, family groups who want to volunteer and make a difference in the lives of the poor. Poverty can be found throughout the world and the impact of actually seeing, tasting and smelling first hand is much more personal than seeing it on TV or in pictures.



Martin and Tina Schroeder, on their 5th mission trip to the Dominican since January 2007, decided to make it a family affair and invited 3 sisters, 2 brothers, their spouses and a friend to join them. Their family members had an awesome experience together and would like to come back to serve again in the future. They formed a bond with the families in *villa Paraiso* while working there installing roofs on some of the homes, painting windows and doors, or doing crafts with the women and children. Tina enjoyed holding the *twenty three day old* baby of one of the moms who was sewing her craft project.

The gift of a new home by the Schroeder family was a blessing and a gift from God to their sponsored family who were in desperate need. The father was unemployed and unable to pay their rent. Evicted from their home, they had to live in the stairwell of a building since no other options were available. After receiving a new home in *villa Paraiso* their grateful response was "**Gracias a Dios!**"

Feeding the Children

Jesus performed a miracle by feeding 5,000 people with only the lunch of a small boy (5 small loaves and 2 fish). During the first week of February, four mission teams took part in feeding the most vulnerable ones - the children. They went to four different villages, on four consecutive afternoons and fed approximately 450 children.



The groups had fun singing songs, playing musical chairs and even dancing in the aisles with the children. A two sided drum, a guiro (a brass cylinder with a metal fork) and a handmade tambourine combined with the excited voices of the children at full volume and the clanging of their metal cups made quite an impression on all the participants. The *Journey 2009* group displayed the Canadian flag while they sang "O Canada", to the delight of the children. After the program, each child received a nutritious snack consisting of a hard boiled egg, a bun with salami, a cup of juice and a gift bag of goodies made up by the team members.



Fifty pairs of shoes were also distributed to the children living in *Chichigua*. These shoes were a blessing to receive since most children walk barefoot during the week, in order to save their one pair of shoes for Sunday worship. Walking and running barefoot all day through the fields, clay and rocks make for very tough feet.

Jesus said, "When you do these things to the least of my people, you do it unto me".



What a joy it is for us to share this exciting ministry opportunity with all the mission teams that come to participate in the work and giving of their time and talents to help the poor.