



Solid Rock Missions

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A Special Thank You

There is a lot of special news we want to report to you in this issue. There is also one very special thing we need to start off with. That is to thank God and all of you for your generous giving in the last quarter of 2006.

You may recall we spoke often about our General Fund and what it covers. We make our budget based on faith and we had been concerned about meeting but all of you came through. We ended the month of December only about \$400 short of meeting that budget. We are so grateful for the response to our request for your help.

Now, just because we are in a new year does not mean those needs will go away. There are plenty of ministry needs in the General Fund and other special projects. And we still have many students needing to be sponsored. If you have helped or are currently helping, thank you. If you are not, please consider becoming a part of helping touch lives for eternity.

Letters to Sponsors

Twice a year we try to get student letters out to those of you sponsoring children. Some of you have already received them and others of you should in the very near future. We do apologize for just now mailing letters that say "Merry Christmas". It is just a little difficult to get the letters translated and out in the short time we had the letters. We are working to improve that turn-around.

We do come across an occasional student letter we feel everyone needs to see. Here are a couple....

Distinguished Sponsors,

I am very happy to be able to write you to wish you a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year; Also to tell you that, thank God I feel good in school. I am in the 4th level (12th grade) in computer science. This is my last year in this center of education that has been like a home to me. Here I was able to know more of God and accept him as my Savior. Also I was able to learn the true meaning of friendship and I have many friends whom I will miss. It would truly be an honor for me to have you present at my graduation this year. Thank you for everything.

-Maridalia

Dear Sponsor,

I send you blessings in the name of the Lord. Thank you for sponsoring me and giving me a scholarship. I promise you that I will not disappoint you and I will work hard so you won't think badly of me. Thank you for keeping me in your thoughts. I give thanks to God and you for allowing me to be in this school.

-Raiza

Those are two of the many great student letters going out. These two in particular show how grateful these children are for the opportunity they have for an education and to learn about God's love for them. We still have plenty of students needing to be sponsored. There are several ways to do it. First is on our website at www.solidrockmissions.org. Or you can give us a call at 419-335-8046. Please join us as we try to meet the challenge of sponsoring more kids.

Some Trip Opportunities For You

We have two excellent opportunities for those of you who may have felt left out of our regular trips to the Dominican Republic.

The first opportunity is called our **Taste and See Trip**. We have it scheduled May 19-May 26. This will be an opportunity for those of you no longer interested in hard work but more interested getting a taste of the Dominican culture and seeing what is going on in the clinics, schools and radio station we work with. We will also do some sight seeing and enjoy several nights at a Caribbean resort.

The cost for this trip is \$550 US (per person double occupancy) plus airfare.

The second wonderful opportunity is for youth. The **SRM Summer Youth Trip** is scheduled for June 24-July 1st. This is a work trip. We will be serving a Dominican ministry (most likely a fix up and painting project). You will also have the opportunity meet and worship with some Dominican youth.

This trip is limited to those entering grades 10, 11, 12 and those graduating this year. The trip is limited to the first 20 applicants. The cost for this trip is \$550 US per person.

For more information or to register for either of these trips, please call us at 419-335-8046 or e-mail us at srm@solidrockmissions.org



Niurkys at Mercy Children's Hospital with Dr. William Suarez

Another Satisfied Customer

In early November, Solid Rock Missions was involved in bringing another special medical case to the U.S for treatment. That case was Niurkys Lebron, a 17 year old girl from a small rural town near Las Matas de Farfan, Dominican Republic. She had a birth defect that cause her heart to overwork. Her prognosis was not good without having something done.

With the gracious contribution from a Berne, IN contributor and the rest coming from the SRM General Fund, she and her caretaker were brought to Toledo, OH.

Niurkys then spent time having tests to determine what needed to be done. Dr. William Suarez and his staff donated their services to treat her. The plan was to do a catheterization procedure to close the opening in her heart. The procedure failed and she was then taken to Saint Vincent's Hospital / Mercy Children's Hospital for open heart surgery. Dr. Samuel Durham made room in his busy schedule to get her taken care of. The

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Pediatric ICU and Anesthesiologists made a new friend in Niurkys. Things went really well after this point. Just two weeks after her surgery, Niurkys returned to her home in the Dominican Republic.



Tammy Leinbach with her new life-long friend

We want to thank everyone involved in her treatment. Dr. William Suarez and his staff, Pediatric ICU at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo, OH. The anesthesiologist, M. Banoub. Dr. Samuel Durham and his surgical staff at St. V's. A special thank you to Richard Even,

the president of St. Vincent's Hospital for his work with everyone in making sure that there were no costs for any of her stay. (Over \$115,000 worth of medical care and services were donated by Mr. Evens request.) Thank you to Phil and Tammy Leinbach and Lowell and Marilyn Yoder for hosting these special guests over the course of their six-week stay. And thank you to Dr. Ernest Brookfield and Dr. James Diller for their help.

We have other cases in the process that will soon need to come here for treatment. If you would like to help cover the cost of transportation, please designate your gift to "Special Medical Cases" in care of Solid Rock Missions.

One last note; Niurkys was really glad to return home on December 31st. She missed her family and friends. She also thought it was cold here. It was.

News and Notes

We have many things to briefly cover. Some of these we will cover in more depth in future newsletters.

- The Solid Rock Missions Annual Banquet is being moved to the Spring. Please mark April 29th on your calendar. More details will be in the March-April Newsletter.
- Great news from the Child Nutrition Program working in the El Cercado area. Over 140 children have been served by the program in the past year. And the kids have gained over 800 lbs. total. Thank you to those of you contributing to this program.
- The recent Volunteers in Medical Missions trip worked in the same area in early January. Besides treating people medically, there were 70 Dominicans that accepted Christ as a result of this trip.
- Pastor Morales served with the VIMM team. He and his assistant are continuing to follow up with these new believers. We are also grateful to New Community Church in Elizabeth City, NC for providing monthly financial support for Morales's ministry.
- Thank you to those of you who gave money to the student gift fund. Each of the schools had a Christmas party and gave gifts to all of their students. Everyone is grateful for your help and support.
- Thank you to those of you who made a contribution to the Voice of the Light radio station share-a-thon. \$725 was given to help the station move to



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Our Mission Statement

The purpose of Solid Rock Missions is to glorify God in partnerships by ministering spiritually, physically, socially and educationally to those in need, in the name of Jesus Christ.

2006 Guesthouse Calendar

Jan 28—Feb 4	First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, SC
Feb 4—11	First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, SC
Feb 11—18	Second Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, VA
Feb 11—25	Jim Goble Team, Lansing, MI
Feb 18—25	St. John's United Church of Christ, Archbold, OH
Feb 25—Mar 5	CrossWay Church, Nashua, NH
Feb 25—Mar 5	Northwoods Community Church, Peoria, IL
Mar 3-17	North Broadway Church, Tillsonburg, Ontario
Mar 4—11	Pat Fox Team, Schenectady, NY
Mar 12—20	Dr. Lynn Hughes Team, Huntersville, NC
Mar 18—25	Williams Co. Ohio Team, Bryan, OH
May 6-13	Grace Community Church, Washington Courthouse, OH
May 19-26	SRM Taste and See Tour
Jun 3-10	First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN
Jun 24-Jul 1	SRM Youth Trip
Jul 1-8	North Clinton Mennonite Church Youth, Wauseon, OH
Jul 8-15	Second Presbyterian Church Youth, Roanoke, VA
Jul 15—22	Dr. Tom Roberts Team, Spartanburg, SC
Jul 22-29	Crossroads Evangelical Church Youth, Wauseon, OH
Oct 14-22	Northwoods Community Church, Peoria, IL
Oct 23-29	Brookside Community Church, Fort Wayne, IN

Out Teams

Mar 11-19	Jim and Mary Blankenship Team, Danville, PA
Mar 12-19	Emma Mennonite Church, Emma, IN

Please contact us for available dates and rates. The complete 2006 calendar is on our website at www.solidrockmissions.org. We are now booking 2006 and 2007 dates.

their new building. You can listen to them through the link on our website (www.solidrockmissions.org)

- We would also like to welcome some other churches who are going on their first trips to the DR. First Presbyterian Church in Gainesville, GA, St. John's United Church of Christ of Archbold, OH and Emma Mennonite Church, Emma IN.
- Thank you to Chris Mosier for her time here in the office of SRM. Chris left SRM in early December to start work with a local bank. We wish her well. Please feel free to call our office and ask Amanda Short your sponsorship questions.

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A Tax-Trap In
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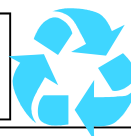
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