



Solid Rock Missions

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2006 Solid Rock Missions' Special Project

The 2006 banquet is history. We had a wonderful evening hearing about how God is working in the Dominican Republic. There were reports from a number of the ministries SRM works with. This was also the start of a fundraising drive for an SRM project.



This year's project is the purchase and completion of a partially built house in San Juan that will be used to house English teachers and other long-term volunteers staying in San

Juan. The projected cost to complete the project is \$45,000. We are hoping to complete this project as soon as we can. Please designate any gifts to this project as the *Teacher's House*.

Sponsorship Program Update

We are grateful for those of you sponsoring children through the SRM sponsorship programs. The programs continue to grow. As of this writing we have 796 children sponsored at the CCED School in San Juan, 28 sponsored at the Lucille Rupp School in San Juan. And 104 sponsored at the Jim Smith School in El Rosario. That is 928 students sponsored in these three schools. The impact goes much farther since there is a total of 1,962 students enrolled in these three schools. Some of them still need sponsors and some pay their own tuition to attend these schools. Our program works with children that cannot afford the tuition. The sponsorships help provide an excellent education for the entire student body.

Another New School

As the sponsorship program at the schools we work with come close to meeting their financial needs, we start looking closer at some of the other schools that have asked for our help. We choose the neediest school that fits into our criteria of needing assistance.



We are now ready to announce another addition to the list of schools we sponsor. The newest member school is the Lamb of God School in Elias Piña. We have already had some teams there to help repair and upgrade their facility (including building a new

library).

Sponsoring a child is easy to do. You can do it from our webpage at www.solidrockmissions.org or you can call our office at 419-335-8046. In the near future, we will be announcing some exciting changes to our program which will make sponsoring a child easier to do.

For those of you that sponsor students, keep an eye on your mail box for a letter from your student. The school year is rapidly coming to a close. The kids are studying hard for their final exams. They are grateful for your help.

The Voice of the Light

The Voice of the Light radio station in Higüey completed their move to new facilities in February. The station lost their lease on their old building. That prompted the station to



Left: The assistant director (Melvin) and the director (Jr. Castillo) in front of the new building. **Right:** The on-air studio with the control board donated by a Christian station in New Hampshire, a studio microphone from a station in Wausau, WI and a studio funded by gifts from North America.

speed up the construction of a new building to house their studios and transmitter. A lady from Higüey donated mountain-top land, a local man donated a new tower and the community helped raise funds to build the new building. The station had to borrow \$10,000 to complete the project.

SRM has raised some funds to purchase a larger transmitter for the station to increase their power and enlarge their broadcast area. We have officially given the go-ahead for the purchase. Once the transmitter is re-tuned to the correct frequency, it will be shipped to Higüey.

This station has a very special ministry to the people in the eastern part of the Dominican Republic. It is having an impact for Christ. We are currently looking at ways to bring the coverage of this station to the San Juan valley.

The Voice of the Light is also looking into possibly producing television programming for cable channels in the Dominican Republic. In the meantime, if you wish to listen in, you can hear their broadcast live on the link at the lower left hand part of our home page at www.solidrockmissions.org. Gifts to the ministry of this station need to be designated "*The Voice of the Light*".

Who Are These People?

We would like to introduce you to the English teachers who have been serving at the CCED School since the beginning of the school year. Jim and Candace Ducharme left their family and friends in Winnipeg, Manitoba last August to serve the children and teach them English. They have enjoyed their time at the CCED.

They have made new friends and enjoyed the "brutal winter" in San Juan. Jim and Candy, thank you for your service! And thank you to those of you supporting the SRM General Fund which helps cover the expenses of our English teachers, clinics and other ministries.



College Scholarship Program Update

As kids graduate from the CCED school, some of them desire to move on to a higher education. The SRM College Scholarship Program is able to help some of these students. The fund is a general fund that currently is helping seven students working on degrees in medicine and education. Once the students graduate, they are required to spend two years serving one of the ministries we work with. We anticipate



more students joining the program but only as funds are available to add them to the program.

We currently have one student who is very deserving but drastically under funded. His name is Isidro Mora. He graduated from the CCED school in 2002 (the first graduating class at the CCED). He has been attending classes at the national university in Santo Domingo and doing very well in his classes. We have been able to

keep him in school but unless additional funding is secured, his future there is at-risk. And we can not add additional students to the program until current students are completely funded.

The cost of putting a student in college in Santo Domingo is \$300 US per month. Some students can take their courses in San Juan (if they are offered there) for \$160 per month. We encourage groups to sponsor a student through their entire education. We also encourage individuals to make smaller contributions, which will go into the General Scholarship Fund to help students such as Isidro, who do not have an organization committed to helping them. If you are willing to help Isidro and other students with their college education, please designate your tax-deductible gift to the *College Scholarship Fund*.

This "Thank You" Is For You

One thing we never want to take for granted is you. You read our newsletters; you go with our work teams, you give of your resources; you pray for the ministries we work with; and you respond to the needs that are close to your heart. We want to thank you for what you mean to us and to the ministries we work with in the Dominican Republic. You are helping us have a huge impact on people needing help. It is also opening hearts to the love of Jesus Christ.

Sometimes we look over our newsletter and think we are asking for money way too often. Actually what we are trying to do is to keep you and other people informed of what is going on and to make these needs known. Some of the things we talk about may not interest you but they might kindle a spark in someone else's mind. We need all of you to help us meet a variety of needs in a variety of areas. Without all of you, Solid Rock Missions is nothing. It is exciting to see what we can do together. We are grateful for the help we receive both large and small. May God bless you as you find ways to help us minister to those in need. Thank you for the part you play.

Another thing you can do is share what we are doing with your friends. Please let us know if you would like us to do a presentation for your church or civic group.

Gifts to Solid Rock Missions are tax-deductible.

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

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-Aug 3	Crossroads Evan. Church Youth, Wauseon, OH
Oct 7-Oct 14	Jim Crooks' Team, Sylacauga, AL
Oct 14-22	Northwoods Community Church, Peoria, IL
Oct 21-28	Brookside Community Church, Fort Wayne, IN
Nov 4-11	First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN
Nov 11-18	Medical Missions for Christ, Lake of the Ozarks, MO
Nov 18-25	Dr. Mary Baldwin Team, Maumee, OH
Dec 3-7	Van Vleet /Pomeroy Team, Portland, MA

Out Trips to El Cercado

Nov 4-11 & Nov 18-25 Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, IN
Please contact us for available dates and rates. The complete 2006 calendar is on our website at www.solidrockmissions.org.

The Latest Juanita Sighting

Many of you have met and got to know Juanita Sheeler on one of your trips to the Dominican Republic. She has been one of the background people serving the teams at the guesthouse for the past 2+ years. We have some bad news and some good news to report on her.

Effective at the end of March, Juanita has ended her service with Solid Rock Missions. She has returned to her home in Pennsylvania. That is the bad news. Now for the rest of the story (and the good news). Somewhere during that 2+ years a romance started between Juanita and Frank Beltre (the business administrator at the clinic). It has been a joy to see that relationship grow. It has grown to the point that Frank and Juanita have announced their upcoming wedding on September 30th in San Juan. They want to invite you to join them for this special event. After the wedding, they are planning to live in San Juan and continue to follow God's leading as they both seek ways to serve others.

Time For a Commercial Break

We do not offer space for commercials or ads but in this case, here is a way to purchase a service and help Solid Rock Missions. As we look for ways keep our office costs in line, we try some new things. We have recently installed a Vonage phone number to help us manage our long distance calling costs. Vonage has a special offer that we want to pass on to you. That program is the "Refer a Friend" program. All we need from you is your e-mail address. We will then send you a "Refer a Friend" e-mail. If you sign up for Vonage, you will receive the first month of your service free and Solid Rock Missions will receive two months of service free as well. What a great way to help us out with our monthly phone bill. For further information or for the "Refer a Friend" e-mail, send us an e-mail at srm@solidrockmissions.org and please put "Refer a Friend" in the subject line.

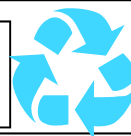
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Beatrice Rupp	Denver Rupp
Joyce Hartman	Marvin Rupp

In Honor

Aretha Franklin

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