



# Solid Rock Missions

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Dear Friends,

Psalm 95 says "Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song." We at Solid Rock Missions have much to be thankful for. We are not musicians and singers but we sure can make a lot of joyful noise. As we approach this Thanksgiving season, it is time to reflect on this past year.

First off, we want to thank God for his goodness and faithfulness to our ministries in the Dominican Republic. We have seen how God has been working and continues to work in touching and changing lives. It is exciting to see that going on and it is exciting to be a part of it. We are excited to see how God is leading and the opportunities He is allowing us to be a part of.

Next, we would like to thank you, our partners in this very important ministry to the poor in the Dominican Republic, for your help in making our work possible. Your gifts of love, labor, money and prayer have helped make a real difference. It is exciting to see God working and to see the Dominicans' gratefulness for the help and opportunities that are made available to them.

Some of the highlights of the year include the completion and opening of our first satellite clinic in the mountain town of El Cercado, the addition of a sponsorship program for a small Christian school in El Rosario, the start of a health assurance plan to provide healthcare for the poor, the graduation of the third class at the CCED school and God's answer to our prayers for guesthouse staff. We are also seeing some opportunities opening in some new and exciting directions.

We have so much to be thankful for. We take many things for granted. Our hearts break to hear of increasing economic problems in the Dominican Republic. It does affect our ministries but our main concern is the effects it is having on the people. Inflation has well exceeded over 100% for this past year. That has drastically affected the average Dominican family. Their income is pretty much all going to feed their families with nothing extra. Some are even cutting back on the number of meals they eat each day.

Inflation is having an effect on our ministries as well. It has caused them to tighten their belts and to ask us for more financial help.

This Thanksgiving, as you thank God for all He has done for you, please remember to pray for our brothers in the Dominican Republic.

We always have some ongoing projects. We are just past the halfway point in raising funds for a pickup truck for use at the guesthouse. We could also use your help in either sponsoring a student at one of the schools or by giving to help provide healthcare assurance for 12 people each year.

We would like to thank you for your faithful giving this past year to the ministries we are involved with. We are excited to see how God has met needs both physically and financially. Thank you for partnering with us in this very important ministry. If you have not been involved, please consider joining us. We cannot do the things we are doing without your help. We are certain that God will bless your gifts.

We would like to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Serving others in Christ's name,

Ed Meier  
President

Chris Mosier  
Child Sponsorship Coordinator

Rod Meyer  
Director of Development

P.S: On November 8<sup>th</sup> we lost a good friend and Solid Rock Missions' board member. Dr. Gordon Zimmerman went home to be with the Lord after a long battle with cancer. We would like to express our condolences to his wife, Ruth, and their family. Please keep them in your prayers. He will be missed by all of us.

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