



Solid Rock Missions

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Thanksgiving 2005

We, as North Americans, have so much to be grateful for. It is time for us to sit back, stuff ourselves, watch football and find a hundred other things to do in place of counting our blessings. For a brief moment, just shut out everything around you and think of all the things you have to be grateful for: family, friends, health, food, a nice, warm and dry place to call your home. Please keep going.

Now that you have that list complete, be sure to thank God for His goodness to you. Even more important is to remember that you are one of less than twenty percent of the world's population that is not going to bed hungry tonight. Or you are not one of the thousands who are homeless because of tsunamis or flooding or hurricanes, or whatever catastrophes continue to happen to the world.



Even though they are not as materially blessed as we are, God is blessing the less fortunate in other ways. Their hearts are opening to accepting Christ into their lives and it is happening in a large way. It is happening all over the world. And it is happening in the Dominican Republic. We really feel these are special times when God is allowing His word to be heard and accepted. We cannot accept credit for that but we can make sure we are doing all we can to help open the ears of people. Solid Rock Missions is doing

that and God is blessing our efforts.

Have you ever considered what your part is in the Great Commission? You may not be able to go, but you may be able to give to allow the work to continue. You may not be able to give, but you can pray. Please consider how you can play a part in this ministry to those in need.

Trivial Pursuit Answers

Occasionally it is good to get some facts out to you about the ministries we work with. They might be helpful if you are ever asked questions about Solid Rock Missions while playing Trivial Pursuit.

The Christian Center for Educational Development (CCED) school in San Juan had 1,091 students in the 2004-5 school year. There are now 773 students sponsored there. The average classroom has 44 students and the school employs 43 teachers.

The Christian Clinic for Integrated Health (CCSI) in San Juan had 14 medical and surgical groups in 2004. The first 6 months of this year, there have been 9 medical-surgical groups. Medical teams evaluated over 2,000 patients in the El Cercado area in the first 6 months of 2005.

The Christian Clinic for Integrated Health in El Cercado averages about 25 patients per day. There are 7 employees working there

The nutrition program in the El Cercado area has been operating for the past year. There are currently just over 100 malnourished children enrolled in the program. This past year also saw an increase in malnourished children in the San Juan area and currently a small number of children are in a program there.

The Jim Smith School in El Rosario now has just over 200 students in their school. They now have students from pre-school to grade 6. There are 84 students now sponsored there.

The Lucille Rupp School has 50 students enrolled in our sponsorship program. There is another 50 students waiting to be enrolled in this program. We currently have 20 students sponsored there.

In 2005, the guesthouse has hosted 25 teams. An additional 3 teams joined in staying on their worksite.

The Rest of the Story

Numbers are important to most of us. They give us something to grab a hold of to determine if things are moving ahead. You know what? Things are moving ahead at a rapid rate. That is exciting and it is only happening with your help. We have been blessed to see your response to the needs we present.

The facts that we cannot quantify are the number of lives that have been touched. Most important are the decisions made to accept Christ. We know that is happening. If only one life has been changed, we feel that what we are doing has been worth the effort.

You have been so gracious in accepting the challenge to fund the special projects. We are grateful for your response. As the ministries expand and needs are brought to us, we present new projects to you. We need to continue to bring the "nuts and bolts" regular financial needs to you. These are needs that are vital to what we do. This is our General Fund. It covers the operating expenses of this mission. It supplies funds to subsidize the operation of both clinics.



It supplies the funds to cover expenses for our volunteer English teachers. And it also provides us with funds for emergency needs.

For the past several months, this fund has run dangerously low. It has caused us to tighten our belt. It has also caused us to bring our need to God.

As you count your blessings this holiday season, please consider a gift to help us minister to those in need.

A Special Thank You

How can we say thanks for the lovely evening we enjoyed September 24th at the Fall Solid Rock Missions Banquet?

We do want to say thanks to Rod Meyer for all his work in planning the evening and for seeing it through. Excellent job! Also thanks to Dorine Smith and Audrey Fricke for their help in planning the evening (special ladies).

We also want to thank all of those who shared— Dorine Smith, Ed Meier, Rick Fricke, Dr. Canario, Jr. Oyer and Steve Nelson. Also Raul Rodriguez and Jeff Smith. Thanks to Melanie Yoder for the lovely music.

Thanks for the special presentations from Dr. Diller, Solid Rock Missions and many others. Thanks to all who attended.

We would not be where we are if it were not for the love and support of our families and God's grace.

Glory to God for the great things He has done.

- Delight and Orville Fricke

Another Thought

We often mention the opportunities and responses of individuals to our projects and needs. Many times we fail to give credit to churches. There are many that have Solid Rock Missions in their church budget. We want to acknowledge those churches.

First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, SC
Second Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, VA
Highland Community Church, Wausau, WI
St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Archbold, OH
Crossroads Evangelical Church, Wauseon, OH
Evangelical Mennonite Church, Berne, IN

We always make these lists public at the risk of forgetting someone. We do know that some churches have money budgeted for student sponsorships and special projects. Whatever your role is, we want to thank you for your gifts to this ministry.

Without your help, many of the good things happening now would have only been an unrealized dream.

Along with these acknowledgments, there are a few special ones we want to publicize.

We want to give thanks to First Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg for their contributions covering the cost of our recent shipping container, for the CCED classroom construction project, for the 13th month salary requirement for the clinic and for their help to the SRM General Fund.

We would also like to acknowledge Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, VA for their commitment to fund the new classroom project at the Jim Smith School at El Rosario. They also fully support a medical student.

We would like to thank First Presbyterian Church in Nashville, TN for their recent gift to install new air conditioning units in the surgery rooms, new nebulizers, a generator for El Rosario and a gift to the CCED school.

We also want to give thanks to Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana, IN for their contributions, both physically and monetarily, for the multi-purpose building in El Cercado.

Other churches on the list also designate their gifts either for

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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

Dec 31—Jan 8	Volunteers In Medical Missions, Walahala, SC
Jan 7—14	Gaylord Rotary Club, Gaylord, MI
Jan 14—21	Highland Community Church, Wausau, WI
Jan 21—28	First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville, GA
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
Mar 5-17	North Broadway Church, Tillsonburg, Ontario
Mar 4—11	Pat Fox Team, Schenectady, NY
Mar 11—18	Dr. Lynn Hughes Team, Huntersville, NC

Out Teams

Mar 11-19	Jim and Mary Blankenship Team, Danville, PA
Mar 11-19	Emma Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, 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 dates. January and February 2006 is full.

specific projects or to ongoing funding such as our general fund. Still there are other churches that make occasional contributions. Thank you. If your church is not participating financially, we hope that you will take a look at your missions budget to see what you can do to partner with Solid Rock Missions. We are your mission arm.

Water, Water Everywhere

....but not a drop to drink. In the Dominican Republic, healthy, clean drinking water is a rare thing. Bottled water is the only good, pure supply but it costs money. That is money people do not have.

Solid Rock Missions is working with the Rotary Club from Gaylord, MI and the North Spartanburg Rotary Club from Spartanburg, SC to provide water filters for several communities. The water filters will supply clean water for up to four families. As of this writing, the two clubs have provided funding for about 120 filters. About half of those are in place. The rest will be installed when the filter shipment arrives.

Rotary Clubs worldwide have decided to take the initiative to make clean drinking water a top priority. They have developed a relatively low cost, inexpensive to operate filter to do the job. Solid Rock Missions' role is to help facilitate the placement of these filters in the areas we work in.

La Voz de la Luz

SRM is continuing our work in helping Christian radio in the DR. We are working both on raising some funds for operations and equipment needs. A couple of Christian stations from Vermont and Wisconsin have donated some studio equipment. We are currently looking for about \$6,000 to purchase a good, used transmitter and antennae to expand the broadcast area. All of this is much needed after a recent lightning strike that took the station off the air for two days. The Voice of the Light continues to do a wonderful job of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. You can listen to the Voice of the Light by clicking on the link at the bottom left side of our webpage at www.solidrockmissions.org. Please remember this ministry in your prayers.

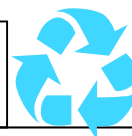
In Loving Memory

Jim Smith

In Honor

Jim Goble, Lansing, MI

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