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# PARTNERS

## *Sponsorship Program Grows Again*

Solid Rock Missions is pleased to announce the addition of another school to our Student Sponsorship Program. The Christian Center for Integral Education (CCEI) in El

Cercado has been added to our growing list of schools we are sponsoring. The school is located in the city of about 30,000 people that is located about an hour northwest



of San Juan de la Maguana. The school opened in late 2006 and is an extension of the work already going on in the El Cercado area. The CCEI started in a small three room building near the center of the city,

but very soon it will be moving to the recently completed multi-purpose building next to the SRM clinic.

There are 115 children attending the school. Most come from El Cercado, but there are some children that come from several surrounding communities. Many of these children cannot afford to pay the full registration to go to this school. They are relying on assistance through the Solid Rock Missions' Student Sponsorship Program to help meet their operating expenses.

Children from this school are now available for sponsorship on our website at [www.solidrockmissions.org](http://www.solidrockmissions.org).

We appreciate those of you who are already sponsoring children. If you are currently not sponsoring a child, please consider doing so. Twenty-four dollars a month provides for an excellent education in a Christian school, school uniform, books and supplies, and medical checkups. Also most of the schools provide a hot meal every school day.

We hope that you will add this school to your prayer list. It is the only Christian school in El Cercado. Please pray that God will use the school to not only educate children with the basics but that these children will understand God's love for them and share that Good News with their families.

## *EC Project Complete*

For years, Pastor Morales' church in El Cercado had a dream of relocating to a property on the edge of El Cercado. It is the same property where our El Cercado clinic is located. This dream has now come true. The new structure is a multi-purpose building that will be used for the CCEI School on

weekdays and at other times serve as a place for the church to meet.

The dedication was held on April 5, 2008. Over 400 people attended the service. Also represented was a group from Shore Mennonite Church from Shipshewana, IN. The Shore Church played a major part in providing funding and work teams for the project. Several other SRM teams also helped with the project. Pastor Morales and his church are grateful for this wonderful facility. They would like to thank everyone who had a part in making this building possible. They are excited about using this building to minister to people's needs in their community and see more people come to know God.



El Cercado Multi-Purpose Building



Standing-room only for dedication

## *What's Up*

Since the first of the year, medical and surgical teams have been busy in the San Juan area. And we had one team help with relief efforts in the Barahona area. All of the teams have done a wonderful job of helping to meet people's medical needs.

So what have the construction teams been up to? A lot. The El Cercado multi-purpose building has been completed. One church has undertaken building a new kitchen for the school in El Rosario. We have put a few finishing touches on the new CCED School classroom building. We have a classroom project at the Emmanuel School well underway, and we hope to have that project complete by the beginning of the next school year. We still could use some funds to complete that project. Gifts for this project should be designated to "Emmanuel Project".

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.

## How Many Schools Do We Help?



That is a good question and the answer is constantly changing. But the simple answer for now is five schools.

Here is a list of the schools:

- Christian Center for Educational Development (CCED) in San Juan with 1,265 students.
- Jim Smith School in El Rosario with 198 students.
- Lamb of God School in Elias Pina with 220 stu-

dents.

- Lucille Rupp School in San Juan with 550 students.
- Christian Center for Integral Education in El Cercado with 115 students.

These schools have 2,348 students total in them. The Student Sponsorship Program of Solid Rock Missions currently sponsors over 1,030 students

in these schools. The children we are helping are ones whose families cannot pay the full tuition to attend these schools.

Out of the twenty-four dollars a month to sponsor a child, twenty-two of those dollars go directly to that child's school to provide that child with an excellent education.

Very soon we will be announcing the addition of some other schools that need help and want to join our program.

## Clean Water



Clean drinking water in the Dominican Republic is hard to get and it can be an expensive necessity for a poor family's budget. Several years ago our attention was drawn to the Rotary Clean Water Initiative. Their program was designed to place simple bio-sand filters in homes. These families could then share their filters with

their immediate neighbors.

The program has been a huge success for us. We have placed many filters and we need more. In January your gifts purchased 100 water filters that were placed in flood victim's homes in the Barahona area. The word got out about these filters. Grupos los Américas, the

facilitator of the Rotary program in the DR, was impressed. They contributed another 100 concrete filters for distribution in the disaster area. They have also released a supply of the new plastic filters for us to use in the San Juan and El Cercado areas. We still need more. A gift of \$55 US will place a filter that will serve 4 to 5 families.

## Crank Up The Good News



Christian radio is alive and well in the Dominican Republic. On the east side of the island, on top of a mountain, sits the Voice of the Light radio station. Its signal broadcasts the Good News twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week to the eastern part of the Dominican Republic.

Our last shipping container had a used, more powerful transmitter on it. It was only a matter of days before the new transmitter was hooked up. It worked great but there was one little problem. The station's antenna was not capable of handling the additional power, so the transmitter could not be

used at full power.

Christian radio station 89Q from Wausau, WI donated a larger antennae to meet the need. Once everything is done, the station should be able to cover the eastern half of the Dominican Republic (including Santo Domingo), sharing the Good News of Jesus' love for everyone.

## Our Commitment to You

Solid Rock Missions is very committed to you because without you, we are nothing more than a name. We are very serious about wanting to be known as an organization with excellent integrity. We carefully scrutinize everything we do. We also hold the ministries we work with to a high standard, that requires them to be accountable for the funds they receive through our programs. We make sure that we present programs for your

support that fit within our mission statement of “serving those in need in the name of Jesus Christ”.

So, who watches SRM? Every year, we have auditors look over our bookkeeping and also examine a number of things such as our fundraising practices, our newsletters and our information about our organization. They hold us to standards of general accounting principles. And they intentionally look for fraud and issue

their findings to our board of directors.

That is not all. Solid Rock Missions is an accredited member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA), an organization dedicated to standards of responsible stewardship. We have also been given a four star rating by Charity Navigator. Maintaining these accreditations is not easy, but we are committed to taking the extra steps of doing ministry right.



*A higher standard.  
A higher purpose.*



## Changing Times

Mission work involves constant changes. When you have dedicated people involved, the changes are minimal. We appreciate the dedication and commitment of people we have been working with.

We are grateful for the five years Rod and Sandy Nofziger have given to the guesthouse

ministry. The Nofzigers have done an excellent job of taking care of the work teams that have gone to San Juan.

The Nofzigers are planning to end their service at the guesthouse in November 2008. We are currently working on finding their replacements.

As years pass, other people

come and go. We want to thank SRM board members for their commitment. We want to especially say “thank you” to Don and Kay McClure, Dorine Smith, Ed Meier and Casie Stevens as they leave our board. We are thankful for their hard work and for their dedication to serve those in need.



## What's Next

As children grow older, one of the challenges of their parents is to keep them in clothing. Sometimes their growth is so fast, it is nearly impossible to keep up. But growth is a sign children are doing well and are healthy.

The growth of Solid Rock Missions over the years has been

consistent. We continue to get bigger and venture into new areas God has led us to. We have talked many times to several of the founders of SRM. As the idea of SRM came together sixteen years ago, they did not have any idea that their beginning efforts would have developed into what is today.

God has blessed those efforts and those founders' feelings are similar to proud parents watching their children grow.

As God opens new doors of ministering to needs, SRM will continue to strive to meet God's call for us to help those in need. It is exciting to be right where God wants us to be.



*From the Heart*

About the time you think your heart cannot be tugged at anymore, God finds a way to do it. That happened to me once again on a recent trip to the Dominican Republic. One of the things I needed to do was check up on the people in the Barahona area we have been helping with our Noel Relief efforts. One of my many stops in the area was to the home of the four children with Muscular Dystrophy. My main reason for stopping there was to drop off some calcium supplements that had been donated for the boys. Just as I was ready to leave, their father asked me to step out the back door. He had something he wanted to show me.

up in its place. I knew the family did not have money for that. The father's only employment of washing cars at an old resort did not generate enough money to build a new house. And most people in the DR do not have insurance. So how were they building this house?

It turns out that a small church in the barrios of Barahona stepped forward to raise funds and provide the labor to build this small house. The walls were better than half of the way up. And then the project stopped.

The next day, several of us tracked down the pastor of that little church to see what their plans were to finish the house.

Sadly, he said that the church members had stretched themselves to the limit. They knew they needed to finish the house, but they did not know where they could come up with the money. They had been praying that God would provide the help they needed.

You could say this was just a coincidence, but I firmly believe that God answered their prayers through your support.

Your response to our Noel Relief Fund helped meet that need. Money to complete that house was handed to the pastor and construction resumed that afternoon. And it was only because of your generosity that this house is being completed.

The Noel Relief Fund was created in the days following the November 2007 storm. Those funds allowed us to provide immediate relief by providing food, milk, drinking water and other



The MD boys with meds from the Perrigo Company in Allegan, MI

I knew there was some construction going on behind the house but I did not know the whole story.

It turns out that the MD boys and their family were living in their grandparents' home. Their small wood-framed home in the back yard had been destroyed when the winds of Tropical Storm Noel knocked a huge tree down and smashed their house. The debris had been cleaned up and a partially completed small concrete block home was going

2008 Dominican Republic Trip Calendar

May 17-24	Grace Lutheran Church, Hendersonville, SC
Jun 14-21	Dr. Stephanie Noceti-Dunphy Team, Toledo, OH
Jun 21-28	Dr. Tom Roberts' Team, Spartanburg, SC
Jun 28-Jul 5	Second Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, VA
Jul 5-12	Southwest Medical Team, Dowagiac, MI
Jul 15-24	True North Church, Wauseon, OH
Jul 26-Aug 2	St. Marks 's Lutheran Church, Asheville, NC
Aug 2-9	The Ascent Youth Team, Golden, CO
Sept 18-29	Northwoods Community Church, Peoria, IL
Sept 26-29	Northwoods Community Church, Peoria, IL
Oct 4-11	Dr. Jim Crook's Team, Sylacauga, AL
Oct 11-18	Northwoods Community Church, Peoria, IL
Oct 18-25	Brookside Community Church, Fort Wayne, IN
Nov 1-8	First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN
Nov 1-8	New Hope Community Church, Elizabeth City, NC
Nov 30-Dec 7	Pomeroy/Van Vleet Team, Portland, MA

**If you would like to book a team at the guesthouse or other locations where we work in the Dominican Republic, please contact our office at 419-335-8046 or e-mail us at [srm@solidrockmissions.org](mailto:srm@solidrockmissions.org).**

necessities to people who were forced from their homes. The relief effort continued to serve people as they moved back to their homes and communities.

At the time, we knew that the disaster was going to have a long term impact because of the destruction of agricultural production. Many people were employed by agriculture and (without crops) lost their jobs. With the crops destroyed, that also meant a shortage of food and higher prices for what little there would be. Because of your generosity, the Noel Relief Fund has been providing food for 400 families during the past couple of months and we intend to continue that until workers can har-

vest crops in mid-July.

Because of your generosity, we have plenty of funds on hand to meet those needs. We are working on some future projects that we will be bringing to you later. (In the meantime, we really could use some help with our General Fund.)

God is at work. He is not only using your gifts to help those in need; He is calling people to Him. Lives have been touched because of your willingness to share God's love with your time and resources. The Dominican people wish to thank you for sharing God's love with them. May God bless you!

- Rod Meyer, Executive Director

*In Loving Memory....*

Daniel Sickmiller

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