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Every newsletter we try to update you on where we are at with some of our construction projects. We are happy to report that two projects are nearing completion as we write this newsletter.

The first is the construction of a



CCED Classroom Project

four classroom building at the CCED school in San Juan. This project has taken a couple of years to build. It is one of the most substantial buildings there. Director Jose Ramon Rodriguez is looking forward to using the new building this fall when the 1,280 students return to classes in September. He also is hoping to use the new facility to offer some college classes in the near future.

A special thank you goes

to First Presbyterian Church from Spartanburg, SC for providing most of the funding for the project.

The second project is the classroom project at the Jim Smith School in El Rosario. The two new classrooms have been completed and funded by Second Presbyterian Church from Roanoke, VA. Director Angela German is looking forward to using the new building to add some new grades to

accommodate children that have come up through the school.

Editor's note: the photos are a couple of weeks old. The doors and windows were installed in the CCED and the Jim Smith buildings after the photos were taken.



Jim Smith School Classroom Project

A nother Project Is Getting Close

The third project underway is the Multi-purpose building in El Cercado. This building will serve as a church and a Christian school. Teams from a number of churches have helped with this project. A major portion of the funding

has come from Shore Menonite Church in Shippshewana, IN. This summer a high school team from Highland Community Church in Wausau, WI painted the building. This fall one more team will be heading to EC to finish the project. Whatever your part with any of these projects



Multi-Purpose Building at El Cercado

from going with one of these teams, buying a bag of noodles at a church auction or staying home and helping someone else go, the people at these schools and in these communities appreciate all you are doing for them.

We have more projects on the drawing board. You will be hearing more in the near future.

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.

Sponsoring A Child Does Make A Difference

The child Jesús Manuel, a student at the school in El Rosario says "Solid Rock Missions is a blessing from God. I have been in the Jim Smith School since I was 5 years old and I feel like a breath of fresh air, even though before I felt well, but today I have new

hope, thanks to Solid Rock Missions and to my sponsor.

My father died and we are a family of very few economic resources, but because of the mission I have my studies taken care of. I also have obtained food in some difficult moments, shoes in other moments, a snack at my school daily

and the hope to become a technician, which is an accomplishment in this community.

My family is very grateful for all of the help that I have been given and we ask God to fill you with the richest of blessings every day."

Thank You

Praise the Lord for all things (big and small)

Summer is not the time to write a Thanksgiving article. That falls inline with thinking about snow when it is 90 degrees outside. In reality, anytime is a good time to thank God for blessings that come our way.

Solid Rock Missions recently passed two milestones in the history of this ministry.

In May, we sponsored our 1,000th student in a Christian school. We are not stopping there. As of this writing, we have over 1,038 students sponsored and we have more kids that need sponsors. Thank you so much to all you who are sponsoring a child at one of the Christian schools we help to support in the Dominican Republic.

The fiscal year for Solid Rock Missions ended on June 30th. The audit of our books will take place in August and our audited financial report will be made available online in September. While we are waiting for the audited report, we can pass on some good news. Because of your gracious giving and support for the programs we work with, for the first time ever, over one million dollars has gone through SRM to help

meet needs in the Dominican Republic. Most of that amount was designated giving to specific programs such as student sponsorships and other programs. An interesting note is that we did not have any capital drives going on during the year.

While we are waiting on the audit to confirm some facts, there are a couple that we can pass along. Our overhead operating cost is 10 percent of total expenses and our fund-raising expense is just 1.8 percent of total expenses. Translated that means that we use very little of these funds to cover our operating expenses. In the case of our student sponsorship program, only 9.1 percent is used for operating the program.

Special thank you's need to go out to all of you for responding to God's tugging on your heart strings. We hope God has blessed you more than He has blessed us in seeing God's people respond. You are the reason needs are being met and lives are being changed for Jesus Christ.

It sounds good to reach milestones like this and it is exciting to lead an organization that

The Voice of the Light Radio

Christian radio is alive and well in the eastern part of the Dominican Republic. The Voice of the Light is sharing the Gospel message through music, news, preaching and teaching programs and with the prayer requests they receive by telephone. Their ministry continues to grow. Their new cable TV channel is also a big hit and is reaching into homes in Higüey and other communities.

The assistant director of the station, Melvin Villavicencio, has left the station to get married. He did an excellent job producing much of what you hear on the air. He will be

missed. Melvin is best known for doing the fastest news in the DR. He was extremely good at getting about an hour's worth of news in thirty minutes.

You can listen to the station (and a slower newscast) over the internet by going to www.solidrockmissions.org and clicking on the station link on the lower left hand side of our home page.

It costs about \$100 US per day to keep the station on the air. If you would like to underwrite all or part of a day, please let us know.

2007 Dominican Republic Calendar

- Oct 6-13 Dr. Jim Crook Team, Sylacauga, AL
- Oct 13-20 Northwoods Community Church, Peoria, IL
- Oct 20-27 Brookside Church, Fort Wayne, IN
- Oct 20-27 Shore Mennonite, Shipshewana, IN (at El Cercado)
- Dec 2-5 Pomeroy/Van Vleet team, Portland, MA/Tempe, AZ

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.

is making a difference. It would be easy to sit back and celebrate. But we are not going to do that. There is more to do.

On a recent trip to the DR, we found more needs. Some can be addressed with allocating funds for projects. Other problems have deeper roots and will take some creative ideas to solve them. Either way, assisting people in need is what we are all about and hopefully, God's love will be apparent to those we serve.

Thank you so much for the part you have played in helping those in need. And thank you for allowing us the opportunity to make sure that God's love and His plan of salvation are presented to those we serve. May God bless you!

-Rod Meyer, Executive Director

One additional note: Northwoods Church in Peoria, IL sponsored 42 children during a special weekend promotion in May. If your church is interested in hearing about sponsoring children or other programs, please contact us. We love to see records broken.

Help Wanted

Now is the time when church budgets for next year are being considered. Solid Rock Missions relies on the generosity of people, churches and civic organizations to help us as we help those in need. Whether it is to fund one of our ongoing programs or funding one of our projects, we need your help. Please tell your church leadership that you know of a wonderful organization that proclaims the love of Jesus as they make a difference.

In Loving Memory....

- Ruth Teague
- Dorothy Hendrix
- Tom Hendrix
- Ruth Isley King
- Kenneth Grieser

In Loving Honor....

- Don and Kay McClure
- James and Rosemary Popp
- Manda
- Deborah Leinbach

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