

# JOURNEY

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*The Lord is GOOD to all, and His mercies are over all His works. Psalm 145:9*

Dear Friends and Partners,

On behalf of our students, their families, our local team, we say thank you for continuing supporting the work that is being done in the Dominican Republic. All that we are able to accomplish is made possible through your prayers, love and financial support. We truly appreciate your obedience and your trust. Our team at CHCA continues to lift you up not only in prayers of thanksgiving but also petitioning our LOVING and COMPASSIONATE Father to overtake you with His goodness! It is always our prayer that you would continue experiencing His Love and transforming presence deeper and deeper each day.

You make known to me the path of life; in your PRESENCE there is fullness of JOY; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11

# Ministry Highlights

Continued with the Construction of a house for a local family (Lina, Aleksandra, Yoan & Ismailin)



Living in the Dominican Republic has opened my eyes to the many challenges that poor people face here. Due to my life experiences I may find it easy to judge the families that we work with...I may think they are lazy, not intelligent, selfish and the list goes on...thank God my eyes has been opened. This community is extremely hard working, intelligent and selfless. A lot of what we see is years of

oppression, tradition, lack of education and lack of a fair opportunity to provide for their families. The majority of the families that we work with live on less than \$200 Canadian a month (that is not nearly enough to provide the basic necessities for their families, much less to build a home that is safe and secure. This is why as a family and a ministry we started this initiative to build a home for a family in great need. We are very close to completion and hope that the family will move in within the next week. All the other details to the home will be completed after they have move in.



## Community Partner Association (COPA) Outreach



Early April we had the privilege of hosting COPA, an organization that has been actively working in Barahona since 1992 providing education, medical clinic and Christian teaching to two impoverished communities in Barahona. We had a day filled with puppets shows, arts and crafts, face painting, games and much more...our students and staff were extremely touched and inspired to see local youths come out to pour the love of Jesus Christ into their lives.

## Holy Week Presentation and Movie Night



Our appreciation goes out to all our staff and students who did an amazing job conveying the Holy Week story. Special thanks to Teacher William who MC the entire event. From the songs to the mini dramas and dance. Everyone left that day with a true encounter of the suffering, death and joyful resurrection of our LORD – JESUS CHRIST!

## School Party and Water Play Day



In a community where clean water is limited it was a dream come true for our staff and students to have their school yard transformed into 'Water Play Land' complete with a pool, sliding tarp, water sprinklers and water balloons!

Thank you to Ishani, who..., Leonie, who... and Yvonne who visited us in April and provided a day filled with water fun and pizza lunch. It was such a joy seeing our students and staff have such a great time together.

## Students of the Month



At Eden Christian Centre we are continuously seeking new and effective ways to motivate our students to work harder to accomplish their highest social and academic potential. In February of this year we implemented the Student of the Month program. Research shows that praise is an essential and powerful tool in motivating students in and out of the classroom. We have

already seen positive competition between students which has produced an exciting climate in our classroom. Students are not only recognized for academic achievement but also for social and emotional progression.

### **Clean Hands Program**



The community that we currently work in does not have running water system - the community members have to purchase water for everyday living (cooking, cleaning, washing etc...). With our **clean hands program**, we are educating our students and

staff about the importance of regularly washing their hands. Keeping our hands clean is one of the most important steps to reduce and avoid the possibilities of getting sick or spreading different illnesses.

### **Special Message from Our Family**

We would like to thank all of our supporters for their continued prayers and support. You all make it possible for us to serve on the MISSION FIELD. We count it an absolute privilege to be CALLED and USED by our LORD. 1 Timothy 1:12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enable me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry...



Joseph, Micaias and Jeremiah started school at the end of January (were homeschooled in the past), they had a very successful transition into the school system here in the Dominican Republic and we would like to offer up praise to our Lord and Saviour.

Please continue to keep our boys academic journey in your prayers.

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