

Report of Mission Team Office 2013

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Today, I have presented you with a report full of numbers and words with regards to the participation of mission teams that have come to the Dominican Republic over the last year. These numbers reflect the economic impact of teams on our Diocese, but it is so much more than numbers and money. It is the relationships, the emotional ties, and changes that have been made to lives – both American and Dominican. The presence of teams has helped with education, construction, and medical care. Friendships and bonds have been developed, and both sides have learned from each other and been blessed.

This past year has seen a decreased number of teams, and many cancellations of teams, but the spirit of the ones participating has been overwhelming. I place the reason for many of the cancellations on cost of airfare and the economic condition of many American churches.

The Encounter in Mission conference had 60 plus guests from outside the DR, and I am still receiving comments on how much it meant to those who were there. They are the ones who will carry home their impressions and energy to invite others to participate. One wonderful example of that is Rev. Rob Skirving, who fell in love with the community in San Isidro, and has pledged to construct the church there. Their 4 teams plan on finishing the church this coming year.

Many teams have come to provide help with repairs and maintenance of our buildings. This is critical to each church community. When there is participation by the church communities is when I get feedback that the mission was a success. This is what I stress to each priest in the DR – to involve members of their churches with the American teams.

The calendar for 2014 is filling up, and a significant number of teams will be working in the camp in Jarabacoa. It had fallen into disrepair, and the plant nursery was overgrown. I am happy to report that this situation is changing.

In the mission team office I have a new assistant, Patricia. She is bilingual and extremely proficient. This adds help when I am away from the office. Charlie Nakash, a TEC missionary, aids with construction advice to priests and teams. An addition to the budgets of teams this year is a \$100 fee to help cover expenses in our office.

I feel blessed to be in the position of Mission Team Coordinator. It allows me to come in contact with many devoted Christians, and be an integral part of the Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic.

Mission Team to D.R.

2013 Activity Report

Teams for	Totals
Construction-Repairs	24.5
VBS	16
Medical	9.5
Totals	50

747 people

Visitors	71
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71 People

818 Total of people

Teams per regions	
Centre	10
North	18
Est	12
South	10
Totals	50

Total of Amount received for Teams	USD 199,090.00
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Cancelled	13
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EQUIPO / Team name	DIO.	Centro	REGION		
			Norte	Este	Sur
Diocese of Georgia-Ted Clarkson	GA				1
St. Pauls	VA			1	
All Saints Medical-Dale Finn	SC	1			
St. Eustace Medical- Robin Baxter	NY	1			
St. Stephens Medical	VA				1
St. Luke R.I. Susan McDonad	RI		1		
Gulf Coast Medical- Keith Greene	CGC				1
St. Catherines Va	VA			1	
Central Gulf Coast-Geary Gaston	CGC	1			
Old St. Andres, SC	SC	1			
Diocese of E. Carolina-Carol Milam	EC				1
Medical Holl All Saints S.C.	SC			1	
St. James, NC- Stephen Mazingo	NC		1		
J2A Linda Rafael, NE	NE		1		
Good Shepherd S. C.	SC			1	
Youth Redeemer, Fl	SW FI		1		
Holy Sacrament Medical	SE FI		1		
Tampa I	SW FI			1	
Rev. Tar, Christ Church,-GA	GA		1		
Christ Church Delaware	Del		1		
Tampa II	SW FI			1	
Michigan Diocese I	MI		1		
St. Thomas N.C. Medical	NC				1
All Saints Hilton head	SC				1
Diocese of Maine-VS	ME			1	
Tampa III	SW FI			1	
Michigan Diocese II	MI		1		
St. Stephens, FL	SW FI	1			
Holy Cross, SC	S C	1			
Christ & Holy Trinity Conn	CT		1		
St. Paul, Alabama	AL				1
Dio Georgia, Youth	GA		1		
Diocese of W. Mass	W MA				1
Conn. Dio. Youth, Alan McCollom	CT	1			
Redeemer, PA	Penn			1	
Michigan Youth III	Mi		1		
Tampa IV	SW FI			1	
St. John's Michigan	Mi	1			
Michigan Youth IV	Mi		1		
Arm2Arm Medical	CT		1		
St. John's VA	VA			1	
St. Marys, NC	NC		1		
St. Helenas S.C	SC	1			
Clw Deanery	SW FI				1
St. Peters Cathedral	SW FI		1		
St. Stephens Va	VA				1
S.C. Medical- Holl	SC			1	
Grace Church, S.C.	SC		1		
St. Andrews NE-	Ne		1		
Galilee Medical	VA	1			

Total teams per region

10

18

12

10

50

**Total Teams
per Region**

CANCEL LIST- 2013

	US \$	TEAM NAME	DIO
1		St. Thomas, NC medical	NC
2		Travel for Teens x 3 teams	
3	10,000.00	Venice Deanery	FL
4		Revd. Alison Hampton	
5		Fork Church exploratory	VA
6		Dio Michigan Medical	MI
7		Dio Michigan	MI
8		Immanuel on the Hill	VA
9		St. Josephs FL.	FL
10		Nebraska Youth	NE
11		Louisiana Medical	LA
12		Ascencion	
13		St. Pauls	AL