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**Clearwater Deanery
2016 Dominican Republic Mission Project
July 16-23, 2016**



La Redención Church and School Barahona, Dominican Republic



Entrance to La Redención with school on right.

The 2016 Clearwater Deanery DR Mission Team will return to Dominican Republic for the 15th consecutive year. It will send a dedicated group of Christian volunteers from the Episcopal Churches in the Clearwater Deanery who will work with their brothers and sisters to work with Fr. Carlos Santana, priest in charge, parishioners and individuals from the community to make significant improvements on to La Redencion Episcopal School in Barahona. {It was from 2004 through 2011 that the Clearwater Deanery helped build Jesús Peregrino's sister parish, La Redención located near the center of Barahona.}

The Project goal for the 2016 team is to Build a new kitchen and to enclose the covered area in front of the school for use as a cafeteria. so that the school can provide breakfast and lunch for the students. As always, volunteer missionaries of all ages and experience will have the common goal: of helping others help themselves, and spread the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ. The 2015 team completed a similar project at Jesús Peregrino Church and School a few miles away.

A new mandate from the D.R. government will soon require all schools, both public and private, to offer 8-hour school days with a noon meal included. This new policy shows a real commitment by the government to the improvement of the education offered in the Dominican Republic. However, it creates the challenge to retro-fit all the public and private schools with kitchens and cafeterias. The 2015 Clearwater team completed Jesús Peregrino kitchen and dining area making that school the 8th episcopal church school capable of fulfilling the requirements for the 8 hour school days. 2016 to help build La Redención's kitchen and dining area.



Jesús Peregrino Kitchen

This Year's construction team will endeavor to build a new kitchen on to the existing building, including new cabinets, counter tops, appliances, flooring, painting. Additionally, the team will paint and install protectors in the large adjacent room which will allow it to be used as the cafeteria. In addition to the work on the kitchen and dining area there are many other repairs needed at the school and church – thus there is no lack of work to do. Overall project costs for this year's project are estimated at \$18,000. This is a lofty goal, but Lord willing, and with faithful participants and supporters, we will complete the project this summer.

Join us in our mission!! We have room for more volunteers. Missioners are asked to participate in fundraising to cover mission expenses, and to attend planning meetings. No construction ability is needed; there is work for all who are willing to go and share in God's love with our Dominican brothers and sisters. Your financial support for this project is also greatly appreciated.

All Saints Episcopal Church in Hilton Head, South Carolina has been a major supporter of the programs at La Redención and Jesús Peregrino. All Saints priest, Fr. Rick Lindsey, is a former priest in the Clearwater deanery. All Saints also contributed \$2,000 towards the work on last year's Jesús Peregrino kitchen project and sent a construction team and VBS team. In 2016 All Saints plans send a team to help with VBS at both Jesús Peregrino and La Redención, and a medical team, and a third team to complete construction and repair work. By pooling resources, we hope able to complete all work for this vital project.

Notes:

If you would like to participate on the July 16-23 Clearwater construction team please contact Renee Liles or Bill Kunkle at the numbers below. If you are interested in participating in the June 20-27 VBS team led by All Saints, contact Bill Kunkle at the number below.

You may contribute to the Jesús Peregrino mission project through your local church or by sending contributions to the Dominican Development Group, P.O. Box 272261, Tampa, FL 33688. Our fund raising goal is \$1800 per person which will be used for building materials, and airline tickets, lodging, meals & local transportation.

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