



## **THE DOMINICAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

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### **2016 Tampa Deanery Dominican Mission Project**

**Iglesia San Timoteo  
Nizao**

**Colegio Santa Cruz  
Santa Fe**



*The site of the Iglesia San Timoteo*

based Bible study, a mission congregation to the San Matias Church located in nearby Santana. The congregation grew till it would no longer fit in the home and began meeting outside. In 2012 the church was able to purchase a parcel of land with the hope of building a new church. The needs of this poor community were carefully assessed by Bishop Holguin who decided that the church should also house a children's shelter or "Albergue" on the second level. Additionally, to best utilize the land he plans to begin an agricultural cooperative to work with families in the community to grow their own fruits and vegetables. The excess crops harvested can be sold to provide income to those families.



*The current San Timoteo Church*

**The Tampa Deanery projects for 2016 are:** To build the first floor shell of the new San Timoteo Episcopal Church in the town of Nizao. Nizao is located on the Southern Coast of the Dominican Republic, about 30 miles west of Santo Domingo. The Deanery will also return to Santa Fe on the edge of the city of San Pedro de Macoris. For the past four years the Tampa Deanery has worked in Santa Fe completing the new 2-story reinforced concrete church building. This year's teams have also worked at the elementary school doing much needed repairs, and at the new vocational school being built on the site of the original elementary school.

**San Timoteo Church**, like many other congregations in the Dominican Episcopal Church, started as a home





*The land to be used for an agricultural cooperative*



*The new Santa Cruz Church*



*The new Santa Cruz Vocational School.*

**Santa Cruz Church and School** will house the VBS and Music program. The construction team coming to Santa Fe will continue the work on the new Vocational School. Fr. Nephtaly Desir serves as priest of Santa Cruz Church and rector of Santa Cruz School, as well as priest of Santiago Apóstol Church and School in nearby Angelina, and of mission station San Pedro in Los Conucos, Guayacanes. Fr. Nephtaly says Santa Fe is grateful for the new church and multi-use center, which functions as the church parish hall, an assembly hall for the school and a general meeting place for the larger community. He is also grateful for the relationships forged with the Tampa Deanery mission participants.

The goal for 2016 is to complete the first floor shell of the new San Timoteo Episcopal Church, and complete the floor windows and doors of the Vocational school in Santa Fe. Costs are estimated at approximately \$45,000 – a major commitment from the Tampa Deanery for the amount is in addition to the team support costs (tickets, DR lodging & meals, and transportation). The projected amount that each person is asked to raise, which will cover all expenses including materials, is \$1900.

Three teams will stay at the new Paul & Luke Morrow Center in Santana, Bani. The Santa Fe team will stay at the Bishop Kellogg Center in San Pedro. Breakfast and supper are served at both centers, and lunch is delivered to the job site. For more information contact Bill Kunkle at 813-400-2722 or by e-mail at [bkunkle@dominicandevlopmentgroup.org](mailto:bkunkle@dominicandevlopmentgroup.org)

Team dates and leaders are the following:

Team	Dates	Leader
Team I	June 11-18	Bill Kunkle
Team II (Santa Fe)	June 11-18	Keri Grosso
Team III	June 18-25	Bill Hardy
Team IV	June 25-July 2	Bob Stevens