

Mission Team Office

February 2017

As we start the new year I am happy to report there are 42 teams scheduled. The breakdown is 7 medical, 8 vacation bible school, and 27 construction/repairs. At this time I also am in communication with 4 more groups that have yet to be scheduled and assigned.

The language and cultural immersion program held at the seminary continued its successes this year with 2 individuals participating. Measurements of its success include a newly ordained priest who attended 3 years ago, as a seminarian and is now planning to bring 2 teams in 2017. One of this year's participants included priest who had previously attended an exploration team then organized a mission team. This shows how effective this program is and could be expanded to amplify the success.

The construction teams will be carrying out many different projects. Tampa, Fl. team continues with new church construction in Nizao. Three teams have sent playground kits by ship and new playgrounds will go into Santisima Trinidad, La Redencion, and San Matias. A Delaware team will be installing solar electric system in Jalonga to provide power to the community center, church, and bakery. A Georgia team comes to rehabilitate the bakery in Jalonga and hopefully begin production and classes there. The two kitchens in San Andres will be funded by Clearwater and Venice, SWFL teams. San Filipe will be receiving new pews and furniture compliments of Central Gulf Coast. Michigan DREAM team continues to work on the water project in Mosovi. Many others will be doing painting and simple repair jobs as well as working on houses in the church communities.

The mission team office will once again produce the VBS booklets for teams and churches with the help of many others.

There will be 2 exploratory trips to cover the country and show prospective guests the Bishop's priorities and possibilities of projects.

Last year I took an extended period away from the Diocese and worked out of the DDG office in Tampa, Fl. As I ease back into life in the US we will continue to search for a replacement for the mission office in the DR. It is imperative to find a replacement soon to assist in the transition. I plan on taking more time away from the DR, will work in the DDG office in Tampa, and I ask for help from the DDG Board to assist in finding a replacement This year will be my last. This has been a wonderful blessing to me and it is certain, that even out of this position, I will support the DDG and Episcopal Diocese in the DR.

Respectfully submitted,

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