

Mission Team Office Report November 2018

The Mission Team office in 2017 has helped to coordinate 45 mission teams who serve in the Diocese. The breakdown of types of teams is 8 VBS teams, 9 medical teams and 28 construction teams. This involved more than 675 missionaries who have come to give support and continue a relationship with the Dominican Episcopal Church.

The VBS teams once again utilized a program created in conjunction with young adults writing the curriculum, and St. Peter's Cathedral, St. Petersburg, Fl. putting the booklet together. For those churches who did not have an American team, the booklets were provided to others with donations and funds from the Educational Committee in the Diocese.

The medical teams come with welcome medications and expertise to treat people in various communities. The eye clinic, from several churches in Georgia, evaluated and provided glasses for over 1000 patients.

Construction and maintenance teams have come with a diverse number of projects. There was help given to a bakery project, 3 playgrounds built, 2 kitchens remodeled, a very large solar project completed and 2 other smaller solar projects.

Along with these teams we hosted language students from Virginia Theological Seminary, a Healing workshop, and 2 educational conference/workshops.

Two exploratory trips introduced the country and Diocese to people wanting to learn more about what we do, and with the hopes of them returning with teams. This has proven to be a wonderful tool.

For the coming new year (2018) there are 23 teams scheduled, but hopes of many more to add to the calendar.

Our scholarship program which distributes student profiles to donors has collected \$111,711 for the 2016-17 school year.

Charlie Nakash has been instrumental in joining many construction teams and assisting in their projects. Patricia Martin continues in the office and is key to being a liaison between teams, priests, and the mission office.

It is my hope to continue to serve in this position through February, and turn the responsibility over to a new volunteer at that time. I have been blessed with many wonderful experiences and new friends in this 13 years of serving. I give many thanks for this opportunity.

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