

Mission Team Office Report

2018

The mission calendar has started out the New Year, 2018, with 34 teams scheduled. This compares to 45 for the year 2017. There are still several teams yet to decide on dates and projects.

This year we are proud to add a surgical team from the Diocese of Georgia that will be performing cataract surgery in the hospital Buen Samaritano in La Romana. This follows the eye team working in Clinica Esperanza which will refer patients. They have also been in conversation with setting up a connection for future surgeries in the San Pedro hospital.

We continue with 3 churches under construction that we hope to finish this year – Monte Sion in Boca Chica, San Timoteo in Nizao, and Espiritu Santo in Las Carreras.

The language program in Epiphany brought 2 women to study in January. One was a priest and professor of the New Testament. She has been celebrating mass and teaching in the seminary here. They both had a very fulfilling experience and plan on returning to VTS to promote this opportunity for others next year. This is an area that needs development.

The education workshops under the direction of Tom McGowan have been well received and will be continuing.

Two Exploratory trips are planned with people already signed up.

It is our hope to enhance the scholarship program for 2017-18 with a person to visit schools and prepare the forms to be sent to donors in May.

At this time we have no replacement for my position. I have cut down my time in the DR and return to the States March 1 to work out of the DDG office I will come back for the Exploratory trip in April, and then again in late May, June and July. After that, regretfully, I will end my service.

Respectfully submitted,

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