



## **Grace and Peace Missionary Fellowship 2010: A Year in Perspective**

2010 started with a devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, about 90 miles from our Ministry Center in the Dominican Republic. G&P raised \$35,000 when this happened. With this money, we helped 5,000 Haitians with food and shelter. We sent thousands of dollars of medicines to 2 different orphanages in Haiti and supplied medicines for a free medical clinic in 5 different



communities there. Bill provided 3700 pounds of rabbit meat from the farm to help the Haitian families.

### **FARMING PROJECT**

In 2010, we planted corn, sorghum and a plant in the peanut fam-



ily to help feed the pigs and rabbits. A group from Ohio came down and planted 1800 trees. The leaves from these trees will be ground up and used to feed the pigs. We sold several tons of the sorghum and over 30 pigs so far to help offset the costs of the farm. Our ducks and geese provided some eggs for the Children's Programs. Two additional watering systems were installed in the area where we plant. The tilapia lagoon is full and being stocked. We added an addition to the rabbit house and put the roof on the feed house. In 2011, we will continue to use what resources become available from the farm to help the different programs we've

established i.e., the widows and children, plus work towards the goal of helping as many pastors as we can.

### **MOBILE MEDICINE**



In our Mobile Medicine Program, we started the Dominican version of The Biggest Loser. We started in August and 2 more programs have started since then with 2 additional communities waiting for us to begin one in their area in 2011. The program focuses on cutting down on oil and sugar. The blood sugar and pressure readings are being greatly reduced. Many have made a commitment for the Lord through our evangelistic efforts in this program. We held several Prenatal Clinics throughout the year, ministering to those that came and providing them with prenatal vitamins and baby gifts. Throughout 2010, we held free medical clinics and treated over 1,500 people, giving

them free medicines. Through our medical teams coming from the States, we were able to help several burn victims and a baby with water on the brain.

### **CHILDREN'S PROG**



G&P has been running two Children's Programs since 2000. One program with 60 Haitian children was located in Batey Altagracia. Since the Haiti earthquake, an influx of help for Haitians came there. Our program ended up being duplicated by two additional organizations. That's a good thing! Because of this, we moved our efforts to a local church about 3 blocks from our Mission House. We began with 50 children there and it grew to 75 within the first month. Between the two programs, we have a total of 125 children participating three days a week. They get a meal of protein, memorize scripture and participate in special activities.

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**WATER PROGRAM**



As many of you know, in the past we had distributed thousands of gallons of water weekly. Last year we delivered some but it was greatly reduced because the Dominican government had installed a large aqueduct. This year we had not anticipated giving much water because of this project. But that was not the case at all. Several times this year they had to shut down the whole system for a number of days because of line breaks and other difficulties. We were there to bring water in Jesus name once again. To date, we have given nearly 9 million gallons a water. Praise the Lord!

**EVANGELISM**

In 2010, there were more than 400 commitments made for the Lord. By trying to meet the physical needs of the poor in the areas of food, water, medicine and clothing we felt we could be more affective in our evangelism. James 2:14-17 says, "What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not

have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,' but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." In our evangelistic efforts, we took teams from the States into the same areas, because sometimes you're planting and sometimes you're watering. By returning over and over, we have a more lasting and dynamic affect. Also, the local body of Christ tends to work with us by encouraging and bringing along the new converts to their congregations. In 2011, by God's grace, we will continue to make disciples as we meet the physical and spiritual needs of the Dominicans.

**WIDOW PROGRAM**



Meet our very first widower, Rufino. The widow program has helped many widows during our time here, but never had the

resources nor the help to minister to the widowers. Rufino came to our attention through Keila, our Dominican Widow Director. One day she shared about a new blind man coming to her church. No one wanted him. He had no wife, his sisters were struggling to feed their own families and he was being tossed from house to house. She briefly mentioned that her church was helping him as much as possible but his living conditions were not good. We asked if his wife left him or died. Keila found out that his wife died several years back. We interviewed him and he qualified for the Widow Program! We poured a cement floor in a separate living area of one of our existing widow's homes, bought him a bed, poured a small walkway for him to come and go and he was set. He came to one of the free medical clinics we held for the widows in October. As he was sitting there waiting his turn, we noticed he was talking to himself. When we asked Keila if he was lonely, she smiled brightly and said, "No, he's not talking to himself. He's praying for everyone here." She shared that with the guidance of members of the church, Rufino comes each morning and prays throughout

the day for around 8 hours. Can you even believe that? He sits in the church alone and talks to God for 8 hours a day. Amazing. He's a sweet, kind and godly man. We are so honored that God chose us to help him.

In 2010, we developed another phase of the widow program. Many times we interview widows only to find out they have 2 or 3 sons with decent jobs that help her with food, clothing and medicine. These facts disqualify her. Also, many of these widows that we meet do not walk with God. We saw the spiritual need there and began to bless them with food for a 3-month period of time. We required them to attend a Bible study that we had set up for the other widows in the program. To date, we have had 5 widows come. 4 of them made a commitment and regularly attend church and the Bible study even though their 3 months of help is up. We built a house in November for a new widow who was living in a tin shack. Right now we serve 69 widows. Our goal is 100..in God's timing. We could not do any of this without our faithful supporters who sacrificially give each month so we can continue to do God's work.