



## Grace and Peace Missionary Fellowship January/February/March 2011

In January, we held our 9th Annual Banquet at Aulizio's Banquet Hall. We hosted 140 people and had a record year of giving. We raised \$10,600 at the banquet. God continues to provide in a miraculous way for the poor in the Dominican Republic. Also in January, we built a home for one of our widows, Raphaela Pena. This is a picture of the house before.



This is the house G&P built for her.



Raphaela couldn't be more content with her new home. She is a very strong Christian. I returned to the Do-

minican Republic February 6th to host a 20-man medical team from Boston. We had a wonderful time.



Dr. Patty Ruze along with David and Nancy Todd led this group. We held 4 free medical clinics and treated almost 1100 people. They also brought with them thousands of dollars worth of new clothing. Nancy had purchased over a 1-year period from JC Penney. What a hit that was. Thank you, Nancy Todd! Dr. Ruze came down last year to assist with the Haitian refugees that flooded our local hospital. This time, she brought with her, her husband, John, an accomplished musician as well as her 2 children. Patty worked for the Peace Corp in

Africa for 11 years and is very experienced in third world culture. The Todds brought with them, their daughters' pediatrician, Dr. Stephen Jenkins. This was his first missions experience and he dove right in. Last but not least, Traci Todd, our record-holding (number of visits) intern returned to help facilitate the team. Traci is a student at Stetson University in Florida as a Business Major. I could not have done all I needed to do without her. Thank you, Traci and Thank you, Boston Medical Team!



This is Galan. Galan is a police officer who was shot in the foot early last year. Right after he was shot, he was riding on a motorcycle and was involved in an accident, further damaging his foot. In May of last

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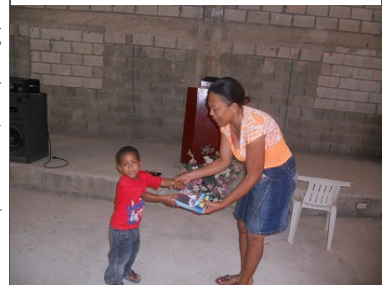
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year, Galan came to a medical clinic we held in a local church G&P helps. His wound was treated but was badly infected. The medical team said they weren't sure his foot would heal properly and that he may eventually have to have it amputated. At the time, we were also working with a Cuban doctor we met through the Haiti crisis. Dr. Silvio taught us how to treat diabetic ulcers and badly infected wounds. After the medical team left, Nancy, my widow nurse began to work with Galan, teaching him the procedure Dr. Silvio had taught us. She would make up packs and take them to him and check his foot. Things around the mission house are always hopping and we were glad to help, but we stayed immersed in our work and eventually forgot about Galan. We knew he was in good hands with Nancy. In January, we were working on procedures to keep our visitors safe, ourselves safe, and the do's and don'ts in any third world culture. Keila and I decided that we wanted more help when we went

to purchase washers, beds and the food for the widows. We needed men who would help us. I suggested we find security officers to help for crowd control and just general public safety. I knew this would cost us and we went about figuring out how much we could pay them, etc. The next day, Keila called me and said, "Karen, remember the police officer we helped who was shot in the foot?" I told her, "Of course I do!" She said, "Well, his foot is completely healed. Let's talk to him about helping us with the widows and in other general tasks where a man's presence is greatly needed, (i.e., purchasing larger items for the widows)." She called Galan and he came with us last week for the first time. When we finished our day, I handed him 500 pesos (\$15 equivalent) and he wouldn't take it. He said he could not take money from me when I helped save his foot. He has become part of our team and although he gives me a hard time, he is a poor man and I know this money would greatly help his family. So I insist, he resists and then I make him take it, mentioning that his children for sure could use clothing or shoes. Galan was blessed through G&P and wants to bless us back. Another story similar to this is when the Boston Medical team blessed one of our regular translators, Duarte, who is the pastor of a small church. He has a Children's Program in his church as well. The team took him a lot of the new clothing they brought. He called me the day after they left almost in tears and said, "Karen, I can't take your money for translating. Look what the Lord did for our Children's Program." I told him I would feel more blessed if he took the money and blessed someone I may never meet who has a need. He said he would do just that. Through these hard economic times, God continues to meet our every need. His timing is perfect. In December of last year, we received a call from Faith Family Church in Canton, Ohio. They wanted to know where we had a need. I asked them if they could buy bibles for the children in our Children's Program. We would need 130.

They sent me 700! In February, the missionary supply plane finally came in. At the airport when I went to pick them up, I was able to bless 2 local churches with enough Bibles for all of the children in their programs. We will also be able to bless all the chil-



dren in March who come to our very first "Jesus Olympics" being held here in the DR by Millwood, Inc., from Vienna, Ohio. In closing, our son, Nicholas, who attends Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, made it to the District Wrestling Competition for the State of Ohio. Last year, he did not get past the Sectionals but this year he did. Thanks so much to all who were praying for him. His walk with the Lord has gone to a new level.

