

# DOMINICAN HAPPENINGS

## El Café Church Construction

The work continues on the sanctuary for the congregation up in the mountains of Tiero. Walls are up and a roof and floor are needed there. Needed are \$12,000.00 in funds to finish. We are excited about the progress there!

## Education Centers

Construction continues in Sabaneta and Barranca for classrooms for the Haitian Educational Centers. Walls and roof are up for the two new facilities; but floors, stucco, windows and doors are still needed. Classrooms are also needed for Cutupu, Ranchito, and the Limoncito project. Please pray.

## United For Him

Plans are continuing for this 4 weekends youth event in February. This Christian alternative to Carnaval (Mardi Gras) attracted over 2000 young people last year. Of the \$8000.00 it costs for the concert events we have \$3000.00 promised. Please pray that every need be met.



## Merry Christmas to all and a Joyous New Year!

**<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."**

**<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." NIV Luke 2:8-14. For Christians, no greater proclamation has been made in the history of mankind! Yet so many still don't understand the purpose of the birth of Jesus Christ the Savior of the world. He came to bring peace to your heart and mind. Will you let Him in? He is knocking at your heart.**

**God bless you and yours, Mitch and Debbie Martinez**





Doug and Chris Wilson in the background and Velvet Sommer and Sally Wham helping out.

## Volunteers Rock!

The success of the outreach to the Haitian children here in the Dominican Republic would not be possible without the help of volunteers in the U.S. and in the DR. Volunteers provide support for teachers, provide for needs of the children, volunteers provide funds for classroom facilities. Volunteers actually go out to the schools and teach and carry gifts and support to the individual programs. The need is still great, will you consider helping or becoming a volunteer? Call us at 863-248-1119, or email Debbie at [lavegaschool@gmail.com](mailto:lavegaschool@gmail.com)

## A Letter from Debbie:

It's a most wonderful time of the year! Christmas carols are filling my head and affecting my speech. One of my favorite things at La Vega Christian School is to read and pass along the letters the students have written their sponsors. I used to translate all of them, but now almost everyone can write in English. There may be a few mistakes, but the message is one of gratefulness and a determination to make the most of this amazing opportunity to study in a good Christian school.

A big highlight at LVCS this year has been the 30 hour fast the senior class initiated. The whole class stayed the night at school, fasting from Friday afternoon until Saturday night. We learned a lot about disadvantaged children and their families around the world. The seniors are calling themselves ILUM, and are telling us they are spreading the light of God in the darkness. It is very gratifying to see them making a difference and setting an example for the whole school. We are not laboring in vain!

Please continue to pray for these students, for La Vega Christian School, and for the schools for Haitian children we are supporting through the help of sponsors. Only eternity will reveal the impact of these programs in children's lives. May God bless you and give you a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Thank you!

In Loving Memory of  
Winifred Smart Quackenbush  
March 17, 1932 - Sept. 15, 2017



Debbie's mom was a tremendous help to our ministry! We miss her.



Christmas parties abounded for the 500 plus children at the 12 different Haitian educational centers thanks to supporters!