



“DECLARE HIS GLORY  
AMONG THE NATIONS,  
HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS  
AMONG ALL PEOPLES.”

1 CHRONICLES 16:24

# FORWARD

KCCE MISSIONS MINISTRY 2010-2011 NEWSLETTER

FOR HIS GLORY. FOR HIS PURPOSE. FOR HIS PEOPLE.



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# KCCE Missions Trip Ministry Report: Dominican Republic & Haiti

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## Week 1

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thanks to your prayers, support, and most importantly God's graciousness and provision, our mission team safely traveled to Santiago, Dominican Republic. The missionaries at Messengers of Mercy graciously provided us with good food and lodging, and we are very thankful for their kindness and hospitality.



After settling into our housing, we started our ministry the next day at a neighborhood called Villa Rosa. Villa Rosa is one of the poorest developments in the Dominican Republic. Encouraged by the free land available there, thousands of poor Dominicans have flocked to this dwelling where they live in overcrowded and unsanitary conditions.

Fortunately, the neighborhood is not without hope. Iglesia la Gracia is a church in Villa Rosa built by Pastors Victor and Marielena, a Canadian couple who were called to serve in Pastor Victor's native Dominican Republic. For the next several days, our team served their church. On the first morning, after arriving at the church and making introductions, our team set out for a walk around the village. We walked in silence, taking in the scene around us, praying, and waiting on God. We walked until we arrived at the top of a large hill, overlooking the neighborhood and surveying the land that stood before us. Although the landscape and living conditions looked different than what we are used, God showed us that His people are the same. We are all made from the same hands of our Creator.



In the afternoon, our team split up into three groups and went from door to door, spreading the Gospel and inviting residents to the church revival held on the next day. From our first day of evangelism, the need for the truth was so apparent - many of the residents did not know God or Jesus, or they had fallen away from God and never pursued their belief. As we continued to preach the good news, many residents came to accept Christ and commit to living faithfully.

One of the amazing testimonies of how God calls His children takes place on the streets of Villa Rosa, in a conversation between our team and a Haitian DVD street seller named Pepito. Because he did not live in Villa Rosa,



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we almost walked right by him; however, in His sovereignty, God pushed us talk with Pepito. When we asked him if he knew who Christ was, he told us that he knew about Jesus but had never accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. He explained that his girlfriend was Christian and so he would accept Christ later when he could be with his girlfriend in Haiti. After sharing the complete Gospel to Pepito, we explained how God might take away our lives at any moment and so there may be no “later.” He told us that he had been having a recurring dream in which his girlfriend would try to take him to church, and he would refuse every time. Both surprised and blessed, we told him that his dreams and our encounter were not a coincidence—God was calling him to become a believer. After acknowledging the truth of the Gospel and agreeing to accept Christ, we prayed for him. He walked away, knowing that his acceptance of Christ was just the beginning. With God’s grace, we hope he will lay down his life and commit his whole heart to pursuing God’s glory and the advancement of His kingdom.

On the second morning, our team traveled to a Haitian seminary and elementary school in the Dominican Republic, where some of our team members had the opportunity to serve as English teachers. After a quick lunch, we went back to Villa Rosa. Similar to the day before, we went from door-to-door, praying for the families and spreading the word about the church revival in the evening. At the revival, we sat with the small congregation, listening to Pastor Victor and Marielena passionately deliver a message through the power of His Spirit.



On the last day at Villa Rosa, we held a VBS (Bible School) for the children. We walked around the neighborhood, playing guitar and singing praise songs in Spanish. Kids came out from their homes and followed us to the church. As we started the day off singing and dancing, kids slowly trickled in until there were over 200 children in total. We easily could have stressed about the large number of kids, but God gave us peace in this situation that turned into a blessed time of sharing the significance of Christmas. We presented a skit on the birth of Christ

and created our own nativity scenes with stickers.

Although Iglesia la Gracia is a source of hope for the residents of Villa Rosa, the church faces some opposition and difficulty. Days before our team arrived, a bloody, decapitated chicken was thrown into the church as part of a cursing ritual. A few days after our team’s



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visit to the church, Pastor Victor and his wife were in a near-fatal water tank accident. By His grace, Pastor Marielena only needed a simple cast, and Pastor Victor needed surgery to fix a broken toe and several fractures in his leg. God continued to show mercy on this blessed couple. A few hours after the first x-ray of Pastor Victor's leg, the doctors took more x-rays to confirm the location of the fractures—and miraculously, his toe and leg were completely healed with only a single fracture left to heal. Despite the enemy's attempts to destroy Pastor Victor's ministry, our God and Healer reigned victorious.

## Week 2

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At first glance, the village of Cerro Alto looked like just another Dominican neighborhood; however, tucked away in this community, were several groups of Haitians, living quietly in shelters made of bits and pieces of wood and metal. Our team split into separate groups to walk the streets of the town and invite kids to the VBS. Once again, it was a wonderful experience to see the children run out of their homes, excited to follow us to the church. The church, or rather hut, appeared out of place amongst the wealthy Dominican houses and stores.



The VBS was so enjoyable for the team as well as the children. From the singing and dancing, the Haitian children appeared joyful. They were also very receptive to what we had to share through our skit and arts-and-crafts activity.

That night, the team returned to Cerro Alto to attend a revival. We reunited with Pastor Pierre, the 26-year-old Haitian who ministers at this church. Fluent in Creole and Spanish, he translated the sermon alongside the guest speaker. It was clear that the Holy Spirit was enabling communication from God, as Pastor Pierre proclaimed Jesus' name with powerful conviction and passion, at a nearly inhuman translation speed. After the sermon, our team joined the Haitian congregation in dancing and clapping to exciting songs of praise.



The next two days, our team served at a church of a community slum in Cegara. Unseen from the streets, the neighborhood rests off the shoulder of a busy highway. After we were dropped off at a seemingly random point on the side of the road, we followed a narrow dirt path into the slum. We carefully watched our steps as the narrow path's edge dipped sharply into a vast pit of trash. We arrived at the church, a shanty hardly the size of most bedrooms. Pastor



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Solos, a man with gentle eyes and a broad smile, proudly stood outside his beloved church and greeted us. An immigrant from Jamaica, Pastor Solos lives and serves in this neighborhood with his Haitian wife and kids. He shared with us how God had given him a vision to teach the Haitian children to be a God-fearing and educated people. Our team was uplifted with his faithfulness and easygoing nature, as laughter tumbled effortlessly off his lips.

On both days, our team held VBS at the church. At the beginning of each day, we descended into the village—a large crater sprinkled with many houses—to gather the children. We started off with songs in Spanish and Creole, dancing, and games. Simply from playing with the children, we could see so much of their latent creativity and brightness emerge as we decorated crosses and made bracelets. Even the adults in the community got involved in this blessed time of fellowship. Our team attended a campaña, or revival, at the church on the second night. Although it was small and crowded, we were very blessed during this time of worship. Several guests from different churches attended to perform songs, and we could truly see the brotherhood among the congregation. Once again, praise was quite different from what we were used to in America: the Haitians and Dominicans danced, waved their arms and clapped their hands. Our hearts were filled with enthusiasm and joy as we participated in a time of worship among Haitian and Dominican brothers and sisters.



Our last stop at the end of the week was Pastor Wadson's church for VBS. We arrived to a room filled with bright children, eagerly waiting to play games and praise the Lord. We started off with our usual singing and dancing in Spanish and Creole, and then we began to play a game of London Bridges. Although this was unfamiliar to the kids, they easily caught on and were full of smiles trying to avoid getting caught by the "bridges" as their friends were tossed around in our arms when caught. We then performed a skit

based on the story of the Good Samaritan and ended VBS with coloring. Before we left, our team prayed with Pastor Wadson and the elders of the church. We learned that the church used to be a nightclub, but Pastor Wadson, convicted by God to start a school with funds from his own pocket, teaches mathematics and English to about 80-90 students in a room hardly bigger than a bedroom. With a growing number of students and diminishing resources, the church is in need of funding. We prayed for God's provision for his church and the continued faithfulness of its leaders and members.



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## Week 3

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Through the VBS, campañas, praise and prayers, it was evident that God was stretching our hearts as we began to fall in love with the Dominican and Haitian people of the churches. With our limited language skills, God showed us how we could still communicate and serve these people. In our weakness, His strength was magnified as the Holy Spirit enabled us to love and share the Gospel with the children and adults.



We began our ministry work on the third week at a church led by Pastora Paulina. Her neighborhood, La Brisa de Canal, was not far from Villa Rosa; however, the living conditions in this hill-side village shocked the team as we walked by streams and fields, filled with rotting trash. After our arrival, we walked around the neighborhood and gathered the children for VBS. This community was much smaller and quieter than the areas we had previously served. After circling the town, we headed to the church, which, like

many of the other churches we had served, was a small wooden shanty with a handful of chairs and benches on the dirt floor.

As we began to sing and play games with the small group of 25 children, we immediately sensed their shyness and fear. It was evident that these children came from broken homes, full of physical and emotional abuse. However, as we continued to show them God's love, the children slowly broke out from their timid demeanors and really embraced us with a desire for love. It appeared that that they were not used to this kind of



love, especially from complete strangers. They were very receptive to us and to the good news of God's son, Jesus Christ. We were so thankful that He used us as his instruments to show His love to the children who lacked so much of it from their homes. We ended the afternoon by making colorful beaded bracelets, each colored bead representing different parts of the gospel. As we talked to the children while making bracelets, we learned that there were many more children in the neighborhood. When asked why the others had not come to the VBS, they replied that their parents would not allow them to leave their homes. Many of the children also shared that they had lived their entire lives of 5-7 years without stepping foot out of their village. The neighborhood was very much in need of prayer and



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the Holy Spirit. That evening, we attended a campaña at Pastora Paulina's church. Because of the limited space inside the church and the lack of electricity, the revival was held outside, in the streets of La Brisa de Canal, beneath a starlit sky. As we praised under the open heavens, our praises and the Pastora's voice filled the air throughout the neighborhood. We performed body worship to "Canta al Señor" (Shout to the Lord), represented the healing power of Jesus Christ through a skit, and ended the night with prayer and praise.

The following two days, we served at a church in the town of Ciruelitos. Pastor Adriano serves as both the head pastor of the church and the single father of his 8 year-old daughter, Genesis. We held VBS on both mornings. The kids enthusiastically played London Bridges, danced, and sang with us. We performed skits about the power of sin and the redemptive power of Jesus Christ, as well as a skit about the fruits of the Spirit. We decorated Styrofoam crosses and created our own fruit of the spirit trees out of



colorful construction paper. God continually provided us with His overflowing love, strength, and energy to serve the children. At the end of the first day, we prayed for Pastor Adriano's burning fever, and by the time we had returned in the evening for the revival, his fever had completely subsided. Praise God. There were only a handful of people that came to the revival that night; nevertheless, we lifted up praises with our hearts and our bodies, as we performed body worship to "Canta al Señor".

The second night of campaña was definitely a different atmosphere than the first. God had blessed the church with high attendance as the entire room was filled with people. As a young adult not much older than us led the praise with passion, we couldn't help but join in with dancing and clapping. We didn't need to understand Creole to celebrate and rejoice the Gospel with our brothers and sisters of Ciruelitos. We let go of all insecurities and distractions, and we allowed the Holy Spirit to dwell within us. At the



end of the revival, when we spoke with Pastor Adriano, he shared with us his wife had died four years ago, and he had been raising his daughter by himself ever since. We gathered around both of them as we prayed for their faithfulness in God's provisions. Raising a child as a single parent and leading a church is no easy task, but it was clear that God had blessed both Pastor Adriano and Genesis with strength and endurance despite their trials. We lifted up prayers of thanksgiving as well as prayers for strength, confident He would provide.



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Lastly, we spent the final two days of the week at a church in Ens Espaillat. A small church in an urban setting, we walked into a bright room decorated with blue bows and ribbons. We began VBS both mornings with games, dancing and singing. It was so encouraging to see how God would provide us extraordinary strength to simply have fun with the kids; we were also so encouraged by their joy and love for dancing to praise and playing games. We continued the VBS by performing skits and making crafts. We were able to witness an eagerness for Christ as the kids decorated crosses and made bracelets.



That evening, we returned to the church for another campaña. We arrived at a seemingly empty church—it was dark, and the doors were closed. After sorting out some miscommunication, church members came and opened the church. Only a handful of people sat with us in the audience; although we expected more people, we prayed that the number in attendance would not distract us from our main purpose of this revival—to worship and glorify God. We performed skits, sang some songs in Creole, and we watched as Pastor René

Ouilo sang a praise song he created while playing guitar. As the night went on, we were blessed to see more people trickle in. The rainy weather and the late start didn't stop God from drawing these people into worship.

#### Week 4

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During our final week on the island of Hispaniola, we spent two days in Los Cabados, to visit Pastor Reuben's church. This small church met on the second floor of a rundown concrete building. Again, we walked the treats of Los Cabados and gathered the Haitian children from the neighborhood. We sang and danced with the kids at VBS, performed a skit for them, and helped them understand how to love our neighbors as Jesus commands us. We colored with them and tried to show them the love of our Father. On both nights, we went back to the church for

revivals, and on both nights, we were incredibly blessed. Even with the flickering electricity and lack of proper church structure, God was using the people of this church for His glory. The congregation was extremely sensitive to His spirit and would cry out prayer and lift up shouts of praise.



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On our last day in the Dominican Republic before crossing the border to Haiti, we visited all of the churches we had served in the past three weeks. We passed out rice and soybean oil



to the pastors of the churches, and we gave each pastor a small financial donation from the team. When we met with Pastor Victor and Marielena, they shared their testimony of God's healing powers and took some time to share words of encouragement to us. Pastor Victor told the members of our team that we would continue to travel this world and bring the Gospel to many nations. After helping them clean their injuries, our team prayed for the pastors and returned back to the missions center to prepare for Haiti.

The next morning, at 5:30am, our team quickly packed our luggage into the van and said hasty goodbyes to the several members of the church who had come to greet us off. After driving for several hours, we reached the chaos that awaited us at the border. By the mercy of God, our group was able to get across the border in a few hours, having avoided a lot of corruption. We were thankfully able to drive by the peddlers looking to cheat foreigners out of money and the corrupted government officials who often take bribes for a smooth border crossing. After a few more hours of driving, we finally arrived at the Port-au-Prince missions center, where we met missionary Simon Kim and another missionary couple. As soon as we arrived, our team lifted up praises to God for our safe travels into Haiti. After a nice dinner and Bible study with Pastor Simon, we rested for our upcoming week.

The following day was filled with eye-opening experiences. Missionary Simon Kim showed our team several church sites in Cite Soleil, the poorest and most dangerous area in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Our team couldn't believe the magnitude of the poverty, trash, and destruction surrounding us. But in the midst of this physical emptiness and spiritual darkness, we visited the Love & Hope Missions Center site where Simon is building a huge church, public bathrooms, a medical clinic, classrooms for schools, and a bakery. The site was once a public waste site, covered in thick layers of human waste; however, God had given Simon Kim a beautiful vision to build a center of hope in the middle of Cite Soleil. We also visited the ruins of a beautiful cathedral that had collapsed during the January earthquake of 2010. The cathedral is one of many depictions of Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake. Quite a few people perished under the weight of this church— including the high priest. Ironically, hundreds of small houses surround this





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cathedral, but only this building was devastated by the impact of the earthquake. Rumors were that the major religious figures in Haiti were connected to the corrupt government.

We couldn't help but see God's fingerprints all over both of these places. A gorgeous, towering cathedral initially designed to praise and worship God was demolished in a moment's notice as He was (presumably) infuriated at the rampant sin spreading through the Catholic community. On the other hand, God gave Simon Kim the vision and perseverance to build a symbolic sort of cathedral himself—from a manure pile. God sees the heart, not the outer appearance of our actions, and this is one instance in which He shows His wrath towards those who only clean the outside of their cups.

Later throughout the day, we visited several more churches. One church in particular, really moved our team to near tears. The church was built in a slum located next to the largest garbage fields in Haiti. The presence of smoke and smell of burning trash was constant in this town, and the people here had a lower life expectancy because of the smoke they would breathe in their entire lives. When we asked why people would live next to such a place, Simon Kim responded that living next to the garbage dump gave people the opportunity to dig through new deliveries of trash as soon as they arrived. He explained to us how the children could even differentiate which trucks came from the wealthier parts of the country and would run to those trucks as soon as they heard them coming.



During the next two days, we held VBS at three different orphanages. At the first place we visited, we had the opportunity to show the orphaned kids the love of Christ by simply bathing them with gentleness and compassion. This enriching experience is something that some of us would never forget. We distributed peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and fruit punch to the kids—some of them, never having tasted punch before, were delighted and politely pleaded for more. After sharing the Gospel with these children through skits and activities, we prayed for each child in groups. Our team, broken inside, prayed that one day, these children would know the love of a father from our almighty God. At the second and third

orphanages, we once again played games with the kids and danced to praise songs. At these locations, the orphanage owners were willing to show us the living conditions of the children. The wells were filled with green and brown water, and their sleeping areas were inhabited with insects and bugs. Though the kids had so little, the team saw so much hope



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for their futures. We prayed that they would grow to those who pursue after Christ are promised an eternity of happiness after this temporary life on earth.

During our last full day in Haiti, we visited a few schools and had the opportunity to speak to Haitian schoolteachers and pray for the children. We then left to attend a long church service, where we were encouraged by the several blessings spoken to us from the church elders. After the service, Missionary Simon Kim took us to the top of a mountain where we looked over the entire city of Port-au-Prince. We prayed for the nation and asked God to build this country up with a foundation rooted in His truth. After several moments of silence, we went back to the missions center to debrief on everything we had seen, learned, and been convicted of in Haiti.



Early the next morning, we said our goodbyes to Missionary Simon Kim and Missionary Kwon and his wife. Once again, with God's provisions, we crossed the border back into the Dominican Republic with little confrontation (even with an expired visa date!) We traveled to Santo Domingo, where we had the privilege to share our experiences and perform songs for the YWAM DTS team that was also staying at the World Grace

Missions center. After a night of praise and debriefing with our team, we prepared our hearts to return to America.

In Christ alone,

KCCE Haiti/DR Team

\*We also have our own personal testimonies recorded, please visit the following links to watch it:

Part 1: <http://vimeo.com/19957250>

Part 2: <http://vimeo.com/19957277>

Part 3: <http://vimeo.com/19957338>

Part 4: <http://vimeo.com/19957412>



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**KCCE Haiti/Dominican Republic Team 2010-2011**

**Brief Financial Record\***

**Total Support Raised: \$8,921**

1. **Total Amount Used before trip:** \$2975.11
  - VBS materials: \$447.57
  - Team insurance: ~\$837
  - Medicine for missions center: \$136.36
  - Other Team supplies/Food/Misc<sup>1</sup>: \$1554.18
  
2. **Total Amount Used in Haiti and D.R.:** ~\$5,946
  - Offering/Financial Support<sup>2</sup>: \$2151.51
  - General Expenses<sup>3</sup>: \$3794.49

1. Team supplies include: sleeping bags, flashlights, permethrin, bug sprays, hand sanitizers, (note that we also had to spend ~\$500 due to problems with airplane tickets) and etc.
2. We made offerings/support to: the Santiago Methodist Church (Pastor Amos), Haitian/Dominican Pastors as well as Pastor Simon Kim (Haiti).
3. Expenses include \$800 trip to Haiti, \$350 trip from the airport to Santiago, food, gas, medical bills, driver stipend, travel visa, and other miscellaneous items.\*\*\*

\* This report is based on team funding received; this does not include individual support(s).

\*\* KCCE Haiti-DR Team has receipts/proof of purchases available upon request.

\*\*\* We also lost some finances due to currency exchange. (38 D.R. Pesos for \$1 USD)



# KCCE SUPPORTS

 GOSPEL FOR ASIA  
Every 3rd week of the month



**TIME IS SHORT.**

**THE WORLD IS AT**

**THE BRINK OF ETERNITY.**

**RIGHT NOW WE HAVE THE**

**GREATEST OPPORTUNITY TO**

**RISE UP AND TAKE THE VICTORY**

**OF THE CROSS TO THE LAST CORNERS**

**OF THIS EARTH. THE LORD JESUS IS**

**GRACIOUSLY CALLING A REMNANT TO  
THE JOYS OF SIMPLE OBEDIENCE.**

**FOR THOSE WHO RESPOND, I BELIEVE**

**THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW**

**TO SHARE IN THE LAST GREAT MOVE**

**OF GOD BEFORE CHRIST RETURNS.**



**-K.P. YOHANNAN,**

**COME, LET'S REACH THE WORLD**





# Summer Missions Opportunities

**ADVENTURES IN MISSIONS**  
**([www.adventures.org/reallife](http://www.adventures.org/reallife))**

Country:	Application Deadline:	Trip Dates:	Cost:
Haiti	04/18	06/03-08/02	\$2500
India	04/18	06/03-08/02	\$4900
Kenya	04/18	06/03-08/02	\$4300
New Zealand	04/18	06/03-08/02	\$4500
Uganda	04/18	06/03-08/02	\$4650

***“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.”***  
**(Luke 10:2)**



## OMF INTERNATIONAL

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<b>CHINA</b>			
<b>Program:</b>	<b>Application Deadline:</b>	<b>Trip Dates:</b>	<b>Cost:</b>
Counseling children & teenagers	03/25	07/23-08/11	\$3500
Prayer Journey	03/25	06/25-07/14	\$3400

<b>JAPAN</b>			
<b>Program:</b>	<b>Application Deadline:</b>	<b>Trip Dates:</b>	<b>Cost:</b>
University Student Outreach in Sapporo	03/25	05/27-07/14	\$4200

<b>TAIWAN</b>			
<b>Program:</b>	<b>Application Deadline:</b>	<b>Trip Dates:</b>	<b>Cost:</b>
Urban Children's Ministry Team	03/25	July to August	\$3500
TESOL Internship – Teaching English	03/25	Mid June-Aug 11	\$3500

## PIONEERS

([ww4.pioneers.org/tabid/186/Default.aspx](http://ww4.pioneers.org/tabid/186/Default.aspx))

<b>Country:</b>	<b>Application Deadline:</b>	<b>Trip Dates:</b>	<b>Cost:</b>
Ghana	04/01	06/05-07/28	\$5300
Mexico City	04/01	06/05-07/28	\$3200
Moab	04/01	06/05-07/28	\$5350
Peru	04/01	06/05-07/14	\$3700

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”*

(Matthew 28:19-20)