

# Your Church Can Get Involved and Partner with the Village of **Don Bosco, Dominican Republic**



Don Bosco is a hilltop community situated above the city of Barahona, where Children of the Nations' Dominican Republic headquarters is located. This impoverished Dominican community is home to more than 3,000 children. When Children of the Nations began its partnership with the people of Don Bosco in 2002, most of the children did not have access to basic resources like medical care, education, and sufficient nutrition.

Currently, we have around 250 children enrolled in our Village Partnership Program in Don Bosco. Alongside caring partners like you, COTN has helped build a school facility, a medical clinic, and clean water systems, as well as helping to implement daily nutrition at school, skills training, Bible studies, and summer camps.





## STRATEGIC PROJECTS

As you continue to develop your relationship with Don Bosco, you can stay involved throughout the year by partnering with us on village-specific projects:

Click here to see all available projects in the Dominican Republic.

# **VENTURE**

As you become more invested in Don Bosco, your church may decide to take a Venture trip and see firsthand how you can partner with this community. For more information, check out our Dominican Republic Venture <u>calendar for this year!</u>

In addition, we keep a standby list of emergency response medical and construction teams. Please contact our Venture department for more information.

## **SPONSORSHIP**

Sponsorship is still an important need in Don Bosco, as we seek to provide holistic care for the children. As we continue to help families become more stable and independent, we also provide school fees, food, and medical care to around 250 children. Your church can host a Sponsorship Sunday event, or individuals can sponsor at any time.

Village Partnership Program: Sponsor a child living with their parents or caregivers.

**University/Vocational Program:** Sponsor a student's higher education and partner with them to transform their community.

Click here to see all the children who need sponsors in our Don Bosco Village Partnership Program.

#### **DONATE RESOURCES**

Wherever possible, COTN believes in purchasing needed supplies from local businesses in each country. However, we still have a need to ship supplies and equipment to supplement nutrition, clothing, and other materials for our children. Specifically, in Don Bosco, we are in need of

COTN Item of the Month
Each month your church will be able to collect needed items for <u>Don Bosco</u>.





# • Feeding Children Initiative

You can help provide <u>food from local sources</u> to our children in Don Bosco, supporting the community around Don Bosco.

## SmilePacks<sup>e</sup>

<u>SmilePacks</u> help us provide for the physical, spiritual, and educational needs of our children in Don Bosco. We collect Bible, School, Hygiene, and Let's Eat SmilePacks.

#### • Pack a Container

Together with other local churches you can pack an entire shipping container of supplies for the children in Don Bosco.

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