

How do we help:

The annual short-term mission trip consists of medical clinics, construction projects, nutritional assistance, evangelism, and other efforts to help the poor. Our team works closely on missions and humanitarian projects in the Dominican Republic with our partners, the Good Samaritan Hospital of La Romana, DR, the Maranatha Church Mission of La Romana, DR and the Joe Hartman School and the Berraca Church of Kilometer 6. Each year we bring assistance to very poor Haitians communities through leading week-long building projects, distributing food, and providing desperately needed medical clinics in the Bateys (villages) of La Romana, Dominican Republic.

Mobile medical clinics are conducted by our team which can see over one hundred patients. Our trip typically runs five separate medical clinics each mission week. The mobile medical clinics, and the medical team, represent a major and essential component of our ongoing mission work in the Dominican Republic.

The clinics are run in the remotest areas of the DR. Each year our team collects, orders, packs, and transports all necessary medications and supplies for 600+ patients. The medical team, along with our partners, the doctors at the Good Samaritan Hospital, take time to look into the eyes of each patient, with compassion, in order to treat the whole person. That important value has spread and been a hallmark of our medical clinics and medical teams. We have been blessed each trip to have wonderful nurses, doctors, APRNs and other medical personal like optometrists, physical therapists, and dental assistants join us to conduct these much needed clinics.

Additionally, our team has been involved in construction projects. The people who live in the sugarcane village known as Batey 50, about a two-hour drive from La Romana, Dominican Republic, are the poorest of the poor. When visiting, it's was as though you are in a place and with a people the world has forgotten. Most homes had no foundations, their roofs were made of banana leaves or rusted corrugated tin. Every time it rained, their beds and food supplies got soaking wet.

Liberty has built five homes in Batey 50, and the other 25 homes at the village have been rebuilt by members of Liberty and the Dominican Republic Mission Team and First Baptist Church of Wallingford. By 2016 we were able to accomplish the completion of reconstructing every home at Batey 50 with a new cinderblock home. A new church, a new school, a sustainable food garden, and community park were also completed. Work continues with providing bedding for the families, and solar panels and lighting.

The new homes are small and simple but have concrete foundations and are a safe shelter from storms.

Each house costs \$8,200 and have been built by our volunteers over the last several years through the generous donations of many individuals, churches, and families. Our present goal is to bring this model to other bateyes (villages) where poor Haitians are living in remote areas of the Dominican Republic. We have begun this task at Batey 91, also known as Batey La Papita, where the Dominican Republic Mission Team has completed a church structure and is working on building homes.