

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FIELD TRIP
FEBRUARY 8-18, 2018

Team consisted of fifteen people, travelling to La Vega, DR:

Trina Costar, Jim Enarson, Rinus and Daniel Janson, Vinny Gibson,
Jordan Kraft, Ian, Mia, Max and Ella Kruger, Kaelin McNally, Russ
Poon, Judy Shelstad, Cliff and Margot Underwood.

Activities included:

Visit and tour to the TEARS High School

- Antonio del Rosario, director took team for a tour of the newly built high school
- Participated in their chapel activities on February 9 and 15, 2018
- Life Skills sessions offered to grades 12 and 11 – goal setting, dreams, prepare their roadmap, identify who was their bigger cheerleader, or who might be their mentors, obstacles and how to overcome them.
- Follow up with grade 12 from May 2017 trip with nurses
- Participated in a soccer friendly game with the children



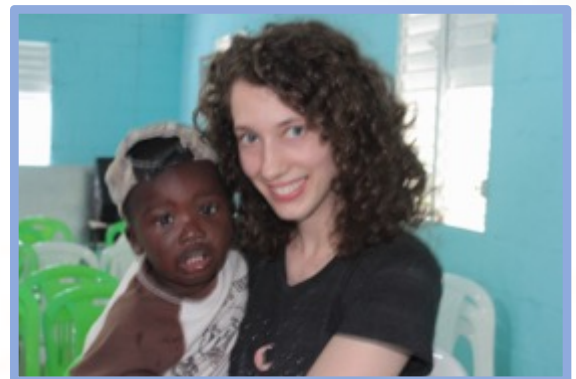
Visit the TEARS Elementary School

- Tour of the School
- Met with teachers
- Participated in Valentine's Day activities
- Helped serve lunches
- Collaborated with grade 6 on health issues such as hand hygiene, sleep and stress, who in turn taught their young peers through activities in their classrooms.



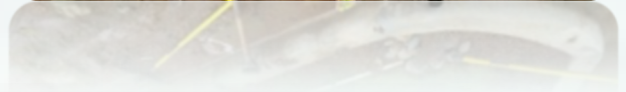
Visit the Soto Homework Club

- Spent great part of the day at the Soto Church with Pastor Hector and his family
- Spend time playing games with the children at the homework club
- Provided and served lunch to the children
- Later in the week spent some time with Pastor Hector and his wife



Projects

- Landscaping project partially completed due to weather. However, best was done to finish entrance and bench around mango tree in the front. Team work alongside locals on this project.
- Build two-tiered shelving units



Visit to Water Purification Plant

- Tour of the water plant
- Two members had the opportunity of spending an afternoon with staff and learn procedures at the plant, from purification to the final step of selling water.

Community Visits

- In-home visits and walks in the barrio
- Team spent time getting to know some of the families



Time with El Camino Church

- Shared time with El Camino elders



Activities

- Tour the Jarabacoa region and spent time at the coffee factory learning the steps of the coffee trade, from the time beans are received from the field to grinding, roasting, packaging and observing how the coffee connoisseurs rate the coffee.
- Lunch with Colombian families in Jarabacoa
- Visit the monument to the Heroes in Santiago
- Last day spent at Sosua beach
- Visit New Hope Girls Academy in La Vega
- Attended concert at the La Vega Christian School

