



## ROOTS AND FRUITS

Fall 2018 Newsletter

### *Celebrating 15 Years of Partnership*

Fifteen years ago a ***dream took root*** among several faith communities in Maria Auxiliadora, Dominican Republic (DR), and in Calgary, Canada. The ***shared dream*** was to holistically improve the lives of Dominican youth and their families living in poverty. Over time that ***dream has become reality*** as the partners, along with others from health, education and business fields, have steadily worked together in ***growing*** long-term community development programs. Education,

church relief outreach, youth camps, health programs, sports initiatives, water purification projects, and microfinance initiatives are bringing stability and hope to the community of Maria Auxiliadora.

The ***shared desire*** was mutual transformation as the communities committed to caring, working, learning, praying, and sharing with each other. Each of the faith communities in the DR and in Canada have been “mutually encouraged by each other’s faith” (Romans 1:12). The partnering Canadian churches report that the relationship

with their Dominican brothers and sisters has expanded their faith and given new desire to establish and maintain meaningful relationships with the churches’ local neighborhoods and their other church-supported partners. The El Camino and Soto churches have grown in their desire to provide hope to their communities as they share God’s love and offer life-giving programs for those living in challenging contexts.



Generous partners in Okotoks supplied the school Karate Team sports program with new uniforms

### *Dream Becomes Reality*

Some of the ***fruits of the partnership*** are:

The high school, built out of recycled shipping containers, provides an affordable, sustainable structure. However, it is the high quality education that has born fruit: the students scored the highest grades in the district!



The new high school language and computer lab opens up vast learning possibilities

*...fruits of the partnership cont'd....*



Celebrating the graduation of the first class of grade 12 students

The El Camino water purification plant has recently expanded to offer home delivery of low-cost, pure water. Over 30,000 gallons per month are sold in 5-gallon jugs at below market prices. Purified water for drinking and cooking helps improve the health of families and students.

A Calgary-based nurse shared that the partnership has transformed her practice to one that focuses on equity, trust and collaboration. Many other individuals who have participated in trips to the DR have been impacted in their personal and professional lives.



Home delivery of low-cost, pure water helps improve health of local residents



Judith and Antonio (Chelo) del Rosario

**CATERED DINNER EVENING**

**October 19, 2018**

You are invited to an inspiring fundraiser featuring music/videos/ Dominican guests in support of our life-changing partnerships.

**Date:** Friday, October 19, 6:15-9:00 pm

**Location:** Varsity Bible Church, 4807 Valiant Dr. N.W. Calgary, AB

**Guest Speakers:** Chelo and Judith del Rosario  
TEARS El Camino School Director and Teacher

**Dinner Event Tickets:** \$30.00 per person

**Order Tickets Online:** Go to <https://www.generoussolutions.com>  
and scroll down to "Dominican Republic Fall Fundraiser"

**Thanks for your continued support!**

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