

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC Constanza Trip Report

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TRIP PARTICIPANTS:

Anne and Mike Corbosiero, Rob Emerson, Ginny Frostman, Michael Holmes, Andrew and Bill Jefferis, Taylor Matthews, Mariah McCann, Nicole Michaud, Fred and Kasandra O'Brien, Vivian Rhoades, Cameron and Steve Schofstall



We thank God for the opportunity to serve Him in the Dominican Republic, a country with a large gap between the rich and poor and a growing lack of Christian parental influences.

The mission of Valley's team was to continue expanding the Kids Alive orphanage in the isolated farming community of Constanza. Our travels were safe and scenic, the food was great and spiritual growth for many of us reached new levels. What a blessed week!



All 15 team members worked construction in the mornings. We painted houses, sealed roofs, landscaped and built sidewalks. All this and more was needed to increase the capacity of the facility to house more kids at risk.

After lunch we broke into two groups. Some continued with construction while others presented a Bible camp for the orphans living on the site. Twice we assisted the orphans doing outreach in the community. What a treat! God has already inspired these young children to act as His disciples.



On the night before we departed for home, many tears were shed by our team knowing how much we were going to miss the children. It was sobering to realize how God had been using us to bring hope to children in Constanza. Here are some comments about the trip from team members:

Michael Corbosiero: *It was great. I wish everyone could experience what this trip has exposed me to. Seeing it is not enough. You need to be part of it.*

Ginny Frostman: *The world is about serving others, but you will receive more than you give.*

Bill Jefferis: *I got to use my gifts and expertise, which was rewarding. It was a great change of pace to serve through physical labor.*

Vivian Rhoades: *It was a wonderful opportunity to serve others, make friends from another country and see what God is doing among believers in Constanza.*

Valley plans to send another team to Constanza in 2012.

Our on-site hosts will be Fred and Kasandra O'Brien, the Valley couple that has led our one-week trips since 2008. Would you like to go? Contact the World Outreach Office, 860.673.6826 x130 or check valleycommunity.cc.

