



Giving Hands Foundation

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May was another busy month of great blessings in Altagracia! We hosted our largest mission team yet, who served in a variety of medical and social ministries. A team of 14 from New Life Baptist Church blessed our communities in big ways and built lifelong bonds with our neighbors that bless them in return.

This team's major focus was providing medical care to Altagracia, Algodon, and Fundacion. With Dr. Jacob, the 4 medical professionals hosted community clinic events in Altagracia (including patients from Fundacion) and Algodon. They also visited homebound neighbors in both communities, trained our community medical staff, and improved the current clinic's pharmacy through restocking of donations and reorganizing. This was the year's greatest medical service and a lasting blessing to countless neighbors.



During Altagracia's clinic day, patients also received sets of sheets and towels for their homes, as team members collected prayer requests and prayed individually with most. This was part of the team's second objective of ministering to women and families. Since the trip was the week before Dominican Mothers' Day, we hosted a community women's celebration with sweet tea and photo gifts. The team also collaborated to pamper and provide for the expectant mothers in a community baby shower that included maternity photos, mani-pedis, and various newborn gifts. Some moms explained that they had never received such sweet support from other women in their lives!

This team was also passionate about ministering to the teen girls of Altagracia through a two-part activity that focused on embracing their identity as beloved daughters of the Lord. The girls heard testimonies from the mission team's young women, discussed biblical truths, enjoyed craft times, and learned about reproductive health. Most of the teen girls also participated in a series of yoga classes throughout the week.



As always, the week included activities for the kids, too. First, the mission team hosted a community hair washing afternoon, followed by an Armor of God Olympics, in which kids' teams competed in water balloon challenges after a Scripture lesson. Later, the mission team provided a pancake breakfast party for our most frequent Sunday School attenders and hosted the yearly school attendance reward party with ice cream sundaes and a wide selection of prizes. Two grand prize earners even won small TVs!

Alongside the team's activities, additional visiting volunteers worked on a variety of construction projects, including progress on the pavilion's kitchen and improvements to neighbors' electricity. Altagracia's local construction team also made progress on the medical clinic, bringing the walls to full height, so that the building is now ready for a concrete roof, when funding permits.



While our communities received these innumerable blessings from these teams, two talented volunteers also found time to photograph over 350 students for this summer's back-to-school sponsorship program. Please keep this program in your prayers, consider sponsoring, and watch for our next update on God's provision for our kids' education this year!