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For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever. Ps 9:18 ESV

Serving the poor and vulnerable is near to the heart of God.

Thank you for not forgetting the poor! We consider it an honor to help the poor experience the Hope of Jesus through compassion.

Your long time partnership is AMAZING to us!

We are grateful and humbled by your long time faithfulness in partnership with us. Together we are changing the world in Jesus' name!



As AGWM Missionaries to Latin America...

John's role as Latin America Regional Leader for Convoy of Hope allows us to continue to develop strategic partnerships between AGWM missionaries, Convoy of Hope, and churches and ministries around the region. These partnerships bless the poor through compassion ministries while empowering the church to engage communities to see lives transformed in Jesus' name.

Forever Grateful, - John & Dina



In this newsletter we focus on the NEW MINISTRIES that have launched in the <u>Dominican Republic</u> because of YOUR PARTNERSHIP

Community Impact happens by Pursuing Solutions Together. Spiritual Impact happens when The Church Leads the way!



Our amazing team in the Dominican Republic works closely with church and community leaders to build resiliency in families while seeking solutions to problems of food insecurity.

From left to right: Ivan (program director), Dalma (volunteer), Kimberlyn (feeding program), Pamela (women's empowerment), Chad (missionary partner). Missing from pic: Esmerlyn, Wendy.

Pray for unity, wisdom, strength, and for a spiritual revival to sweep through as this team delivers compassion in Jesus' name!



By praying and strategizing with leaders from the Assemblies of God in the Dominican Republic we align our hearts and minds, as we partner with local churches to serve the poor in Jesus' name.

A shared vision for compassion ministry is key to developing sustainable work that impacts generations through the Church. We know that in every generation the Church is God's answer to every new and old problem!

Pray for a clear vision, strong partnerships, and Holy Spirit guidance to identify the right communities and churches that are committed to serving the poor. Food preparation so that Kids Can Eat Healthy Meals.

Culinary Workshops teach about Nutrition & Safe



Volunteer moms prepare recipes at the feeding programs. The nutritious food is provided by Convoy of Hope, but moms know how to fill the recipes with home cooked flavor and love.

Every mom wants to be the one to feed their own child. Our partnerships with volunteer moms establishes important relationships, empowers them to take the lead, and opens people's hearts to the gospel message. Everyone needs to eat. And everyone needs to know Jesus. We try to work in ways that make sure both things are happening at the same time.

Our partnership with local churches places the church at the center of the feeding program, increasing their credibility and influence in the eyes of community. The church is the bus and moms are in the driver's seat!

We are currently partnering with 30 churches and several ministries to feed nearly 3,000 kids daily! Our goal is to serve 15,000 kids daily by 2030.

Pray for the spiritual impact in the lives of moms as our team works with them to bless their children.



These little champs are students at a ChildHope school in the Dominican Republic. Our Convoy of Hope team partners with ChildHope in the DR to support the nutritional needs of children.

<u>ChildHope</u> is an amazing ministry of Assemblies of God World Missions that seeks the transformation of children by means of a relationship with Jesus Christ through a quality education and other ministries of compassion. ChildHope provides amazing opportunities to <u>sponsor a child</u> to receive a Christ-centered education.

Our friend and AGWM missionary colleague <u>Chad</u> <u>Nelson</u> oversees ChildHope in the Dominican Republic. Chad also currently oversees the day to day work of our Convoy of Hope team to provide food security and spiritual resiliency for 3,000 kids.

Pray for families to have open hearts to receive the Living Hope of Jesus, as they receive a the compassion of a meal. Investing in Women's Spiritual Growth & Vocational Capacity increases Community Impact & their Family Income. It's A Good Thing to feed the hungry. It's Even Better when the hungry are Empowered to Feed Themselves.



These 9 ladies have completed a course in spiritual growth. They have also received training on how to start and run a small business.

I asked Ana (one of the women in our program) which session had made the greatest impact. She immediately responded, "The session on prayer! That changed everything because I realized that if God was with me there was nothing I could not do!" Praise the Lord for revealing his Eternal Truth in the middle of small business training!

Pray that women would experience the power of the Holy Spirit as Overcomers in their families and community.



Kids are more full of life when they have eaten and when they are receiving God's Word in creative ways.

Our church partners are heroes for investing themselves in kids' lives. We have the privilege of partnering with some curriculum, training and resources to help make an eternal impact in kids' lives. Every dollar invested increases the gap between these kids and hopeleness.

Pray for open hearts at a young age that will define their eternal destiny and equip them for the challenges they face daily.



Our agriculture specialist, Esmerlyn, is working on a model for growing vegetables in small urban spaces. In the region, 85% of people live in urban areas. This includes 57% of those earning \$2 a day. That's why we need to find urban agriculture solutions to combat the impact of urban poverty.

The best part is that our agriculture projects weave Biblical teaching and spiritual support into the technical training our team provides. This year we want to serve 100 people with either a small garden, a chicken project, or a tilapia project.



There is always a shared effort and contribution by those we work with. In some cases they donate some of their produce to the children's feeding projects. In other cases they are being trained to provide training to others in order to multiply and extend the impact throughout a community.

Pray for divine appointments with the people in the communities where we work, and for a growing team of volunteers who will plant gardens while they plant the Incorruptible Seed of the Gospel in people's hearts.

Thank you for partnering with us!

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