

# MISSION TRIP

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP

Hello all. Many of you know and have heard me speak of a mission trip I take with a group from a Church in Kennedy (a relative of mine goes to church there). Last year Gary went with me and this summer not only will Gary be going again but my son, Joshua and his son – my oldest grandson, Tyler will be joining us! To say I am excited about sharing this calling with my family is simply a huge understatement. **PLEASE begin to pray for us...** for safe travels ... that God would give us the energy and capabilities to serve where we are called... that He guides every venture we undertake and that the people we meet feel and experience God's love through each of us!

### **The theme this year is Vision in Action – Sharing God's Love & Truth.**

As Salem's mission statement is "Sharing the Love of Christ" I feel this trip works hand in hand with our mission. During our trip we will do construction at local schools and churches, hold two separate afternoon VBS classes, teach sewing to a group of ladies, and visit an orphanage. Naturally on these trips we are told to be "fluid" as changes can happen at the drop of a hat and we may be sent to a different church, school or orphanage but all the while we are simply following God's call and directions.

The people of the DR that we minister to are not a wealthy group and there are many things that we take with us as gifts and signs of love. Some of these items are listed below. If you feel led to reach out to these DR people, please feel free to purchase any of these items or get a donation to me and we will use the funds to buy what is needed. We have another meeting on **May 30<sup>th</sup>** so I'd like to be able to take any donations to the meeting if possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me or Gary about this trip.

Yours in Christ, Lorie Paul

**School Supplies:** backpacks, erasers (small), pencils, crayons, markers, small individual pencil sharpeners, ballpoint pens or extra fine rolling pens, foamy paper

**Clothes:** Boys 2-12 yr old: t-shirts, polo shirts, pants/jeans, shoes; Girls 3-12 yrs old: shirts, skirts, shoes, sandals.

**Medicines:** children's chewable multivitamins (no gummy vitamins), prenatal vitamins, children's Tylenol, children's ibuprofen.

