



# A Future for Orphans

Rose of Sharon Orphanage San Juan de la Maguana Dominican Republic

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All things are possible through Christ

## From Brooks & Sharon Way

**“W**elcome to the 2nd edition of the Rose of Sharon Newsletter. Thank you Maple Grove Mennonite Church of Kinzer PA for all the hard work of building the vegetable beds, finishing the security walls around the girls' facilities, painting and giving love and attention to the children.” Brooks (see page 2)

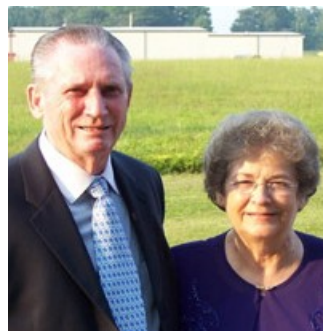
*Danilo, the school's director and his wife Celest will be visiting the U.S. in July. More information will be available via the Way's email.*

*Be looking for our new web site information*

*Interested in participating in a future mission trip? (see page 4)*



Brooks & Sharon Way



Pastor Gerald & Geraldine Wiggs

## From Pastor Wiggs

Pastor Wiggs, Chris Lindsey and Glenn Manning were able to go to the D. R. for a prosperous mission trip in December. They gave out rice and beans to four village churches and preached in several churches around San Juan and in the Lion of Judah Fellowship in Santo Domingo. Also, they gave new dresses to members of Pastor Junior's congregation which made the girls very happy. During the last trip, 8 people received Christ as their Lord and Savior. A group from Wilson Christian Academy plan to visit in April and other groups will be going during the summer. *Information provided by [Full World Gospel Mission](#) Newsletter Jan-Feb 2011*

James 1:27 "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."



*"I got to spend a lot time with Alberto, he was so gracious and helpful with my Spanish.. We had time to share about our families and build a deeper friendship. I'm very thankful to be a part of his life."*

Megan Porter



Updates and details at:  
[www.calvarysc.org/dominicanrepublic](http://www.calvarysc.org/dominicanrepublic)

# How We Fulfill God's Call - Calvary Serves - March 2011



Two teams visited the orphanage and served God by doing whatever was needed. Thank you to Beckie Romig and Stacy Sublet for taking on the roles of team leaders and managing 21 people daily.

The team worked well together allowing God to stretch them in new roles and responsibilities. God had banded together a unique team to truly bless the children and staff with their gifts and talents. For the team it was a busy and rewarding week filled with painting, general maintenance duties, music sessions, art classes, games, baking with the children, spa treatments for the house mothers, celebrating Christmas and making new friends.

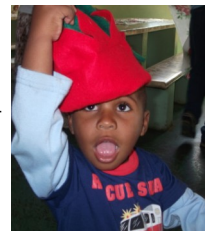
The teams completed the tasks of painting, scraping, plastering the entire outside to the boys' dorm, the inside of the church and two of the house mothers' rooms. With the new school schedule it just so happened that some of the older boys were able to pitch in and help. This created yet another opportunity to build relationships.

A team member with Special-Ed training worked with Musica, Peepa, Paco and Cece throughout the week in basic skills, including learning to write their names and sign language. Many team members participated in English class with the high school boys which gave them all the opportunity to get to know each other better and open the door for conversations throughout the week.



Donated guitars were refurbished and given to the orphanage to add to the music ministry. The older children have active roles in ministering through worship to neighboring communities. It was very clear by the end of the 2nd day everyone felt more at home at the orphanage. It really didn't matter that we spoke two different languages. The children enjoyed the love and attention from the team members.

All the children and staff put on their best outfits for the highlight of the week, Christmas celebration, when they received your contributed gifts with great delight. The next day they enjoyed fried chicken, goodies, and RoJa, a favorite drink in the D.R. much like cherry soda. The smiles and excitement are truly memorable. The kids really look forward to the blessing of having gifts that were chosen just for them, reading the notes and seeing the pictures included. This is a real treat. Thank you for participating in the Adopt-A-Child for Christmas Program. You brought a lot of joy to the children and staff.



## Expanding Rose of Sharon for both boys & girls



After

The security walls that surround the girls' facility are complete. In the future Pastor Wiggs has plans to build a medical and/or dental clinic on the orphanage grounds which would benefit the children and the poor villages for miles around.



Before

### Agriculture Development

Multiple churches and believers united to build three 6'x100' raised garden beds which will bring fresh vegetables to children. Each bed is equipped with an irrigation system and is filled with soil and fertilizer.

Lancaster poultry farmers donated financial resources to build a chicken house with nesting boxes with the goal of providing food and providing a vocational learning experience.





## Kids Corner

The Rose of Sharon is working to encourage and motivate the children to excel in their school work. English is an optional class. To encourage and reward those who participate with perfect attendance a pizza party is given. **Twenty-two students were rewarded with pizza this spring!!! Way to Go!!!**

In February the 1st-6th grades went on a field trip to the Barahona area. They visited the iguana park, a large fully computerized dairy farm, and the bay. At the dairy farm they learned all the ins/outs of advanced dairy farming. The bay was a time of hands-on learning about the eco system and played in the water afterward. During this long outing the children had the blessing of enjoying a buffet lunch in one of the local hotels.



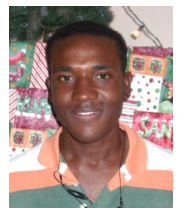
## Young Adult Making Strides

Euclides is 23 and lives and works at the orphanage. Euclides came to the orphanage when he was 13 years old. He is now running the bike shop, maintaining and repairing bikes for the use of more than 55 children daily and wants to go to college to become an architectural engineer.

Nelson is 24 years and he lives and works at the orphanage. Nelson came to the orphanage when he was 3 years. He works as Danilo's assistant and performs many other tasks regularly. Nelson would like to attend college and is working toward that goal.

Join us in praying for Euclides and Nelson to qualify to participate in college taking full advantage of the college fund.

Junior is 22 years and came to live at the orphanage when he was 18 months old. He is now pastor at a local village. Junior is planning to get married soon to a lovely young woman who is from a local village and is part of his congregation.



*"My experience in the D.R. was a reminder*

*that God uses his servants in ways that we cannot predict. I believe that God has called us as a church to be a presence in the children's lives, a family that will not abandon them, a model of love that always protects, trusts, hopes and perseveres." Tracy Roth*

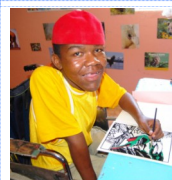
## Teachers

We welcome the new staff and new positions: Joselyn who is the 1st grade teacher and the school Principal, Bartolo in the new position of 3rd grade teacher and assistant Principal and Lillian the new 2nd grade teacher.



## Driver's Education

When a child turns 15 years old he/she is given the opportunity to learn to drive. Currently there are 8 boys learning to handle a vehicle and the rules of the road, so to speak.



*Henry Mateo was laid to rest in Dec 2010. A tomb stone was made and placed on Henry's*

*grave located in a small cemetery near the orphanage.*

## Happy Birthday!

### April

Jorge  
Ronny

### May

Esmeraldo  
Gleidy  
Bernardo  
Daniel Heredia  
Sergio  
Neify

### June

Blaudio  
Alejandro

## Share the Love and Compassion of Christ

*joining a mission team; sponsoring a child, prayer partner, supply items needed; Adopt-A- Christmas Child; or college sponsorship*  
Updates and details at: [www.calvarysc.org/dominicanrepublic](http://www.calvarysc.org/dominicanrepublic)

### Upcoming Mission Trips

Who is this trip for?

Anyone ages 15 and older (children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent).

What do the teams do?

Share the love and compassion of Christ using your skills, talents, muscles and develop relationships with God's children who live in a different country. For more information and details: Click on [Trip Manual](#) and [Application](#)

Contact: Sharon/Brooks Way: 814-692-8943 [sharonway56@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonway56@yahoo.com) or Beckie Romig: 814-574-6504 [beckie@psu.edu](mailto:beckie@psu.edu)

### How You Can Help

**Pray** – for the kids to understand the need for education, the staff to serve in their jobs with the fullness of God's love and for Euclides and Nelson to do what's necessary to participate in college taking full advantage of the college fund.

**Contribute** to the Rose of Sharon college fund.

**Items Needed** – chewable vitamins, Robitussin, large bottles of shampoo, deodorant, new/like new sneakers (boy's sizes 5-10), socks, underwear, jeans & shorts (kid's medium – adult small).

Collections: Way Fruit Farm in Stormstown, Brooks/Sharon Way 814-692-8943 and Janise Crow [thecrowsnes4@verizon.net](mailto:thecrowsnes4@verizon.net) at Calvary Grays Woods or Beckie Romig 814- 574-6504 [Beckie@psu.edu](mailto:Beckie@psu.edu) at Calvary Traditions & Classics.

**Christmas Adopt-A-Child—Thank you** all who adopted a child by providing the essential items such as a new outfit, treats, hygiene supplies, toys, notes, photos.. for a child. All 61 children will be thrilled to receive your gifts which will be delivered in person by Calvary and Maple Grove mission teams. To participate in this program for December 2011 contact: Sharon Way 814-692-8943 [sharonway56@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonway56@yahoo.com) or Beckie Romig 814-574-6504 [beckie@psu.edu](mailto:beckie@psu.edu)

**Sponsor a child** - currently 56 kids are in need of sponsors. In the D.R. it costs \$80 per month per child to provide and care for a child. Your gift provides food, clothing, schooling including English and music classes, dental & medical care, caregivers, facilities and spiritual growth. Contact: Brooks/Sharon Way 814-692-8943 [sharonway56@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonway56@yahoo.com)

### Meet The Kids....



Elizaniel is 15 yrs, old, 12th grade, born in December and has a dream to be an Eng-

lish Professor.



Ronny is 16 yrs, old, 9th grade, born in April and has a dream to be a doctor (GP).



Kendy is 17 yrs, old, 9th grade, born in July and has a dream to be a surgeon.



Every child deserves love and a good home. Your support

can help meet their needs and aspirations to attend college.



### Sponsorship Form

Monthly Support levels: Full support \$80; 1/2 support \$40; or whatever you can...

\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to sponsor a child at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00 per month I would prefer to sponsor....  
\_\_\_ preschool age \_\_\_ elementary age \_\_\_ Jr. high age \_\_\_ high school age \_\_\_ college age  
\_\_\_ boy \_\_\_ girl or \_\_\_\_\_ child's name

I prefer to make a one time donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and / or \_\_\_ College Scholarship Fund (4 yrs. costs \$2,000)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Calvary Baptist Church Memo/Note: D.R. Sponsor Child, child's name if known  
Mail checks to :Brooks Way \* 926 Smith Road \* Port Matilda, PA 16870

*Thank you for helping to change lives for eternity.*

Brooks and Sharon will personally match you with a child. You will stay connected to your sponsored child through letters and photo updates. We welcome and encourage letters, photos, drawing etc.. from you to your sponsored child. The children really enjoy hearing from you and knowing you are thinking and praying for them