



We support 89 children in the Episcopal School in El Pedregal

Our Mission Work in the Dominican Republic

Christ Episcopal Church has worked in partnership with an Episcopal community in the village of El Pedregal in the Dominican Republic since 2001. Over the years, we have helped to build a church, a school, playground equipment, and houses for villagers; taught knitting and sewing classes; and conducted Vacation Bible School and other activities for the children. We also contribute scholarship funds to be used in the Episcopal K-8 school. We send a mission team to this village for one week every summer. The 2019 dates for this team are June 17-24. Information about the 2019 trip, is on the other side of this flyer.

You are the home team. We need your help to share the love of God in this mission outreach. Our mission work is funded by contributions from the Christ Church congregation, the members of each mission team, and other friends and churches. No budgeted Christ Church funds are used for this program.

The annual DR Dinner and Auction, which will be held on May 3, 2019, at the Cotton Corner (101 N. Ashley Street, downtown Valdosta) is our main fundraiser. Due to space limitations, this is a ticketed event. 104 Tickets @ \$25 pay for the catered meal and will be on sale in the church office and in the parish hall after the 10 a.m. service. Donate items for the silent or live auction by contacting Julia Ariail: juliacariail@gmail.com. Bring your checkbooks to purchase treasures to keep or give as gifts.

Our 2019 Mission Trip

We are the go team. The fourteen missionaries on the 2019 trip will be in the Dominican Republic from June 17-24. Missioners from Christ Church are Julia and Julius Ariail, Bonnie Hanson, Phyllis Hiers, Steph Johnson, and Paul Stevenson. Other missioners are Caroline Hiers and Bella Pozo (Thomasville GA), Meg Hiers (Marietta GA), Jeannette Pringle (Santo Domingo, DR), Fred Richter (Statesboro GA), Emily Taylor (Valdosta GA), Casey Wesselman (Myrtle Beach SC), and William Whatley (Statesboro GA).

This year's projects include:

- building a bedroom extension on an existing house,
- painting murals in a kindergarten classroom,
- teaching sewing and crafts classes,
- conducting a veterinary clinic,
- providing sports equipment for the camp,
- giving VBS materials to the church,
- hosting a splash party for 125 neighborhood kids, and
- engaging in a service project for the local Episcopal conference center.



Steph Johnson painting in 2018

For more information on our Dominican mission and the 2019 trip, check this webpage:

<http://christchurchvaldosta.org/dominican-republic-missions/>

A scholarship to educate one child for one year costs \$350, and contributions to this fund are now being gratefully received. In 2018 our congregation and other supporters of our mission work donated \$31,150 in scholarship funds to support 89 of the 105 students at the K-8 Episcopal school in El Pedregal.

Tax-deductible contributions in any amount are welcome and may be made by check to Christ Episcopal Church noted "DR Fund" and placed in the collection plate or mailed to the church at 1521 North Patterson Street, Valdosta GA 31602. Thank you for your generosity.