

*But seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

*Matthew 6:33*

**Prayer Requests**

- Del Corazon's morning devotional group that meets daily
  - Young moms and their newborns
  - Upcoming missions trips in 2017: unity, God's direction, wisdom
  - Starting up a Good News Club for kids in El Catey: provision of helpers, resources, volunteers with willing hearts
  - Ministry leaders for Del Corazon in the Dominican Republic that have a hunger and thirst for the Lord and His Word
  - A pastor who will teach God's Word
  - Abiding in Christ
  - To love like Jesus
- ... that in all things God may be glorified!

*Thank you for your prayers!*

**UPCOMING EVENTS  
2017**

**January**

Steve to provide medical care and lead bible studies for students at Wendlesect Empire School, Daytona Beach, FL

**February**

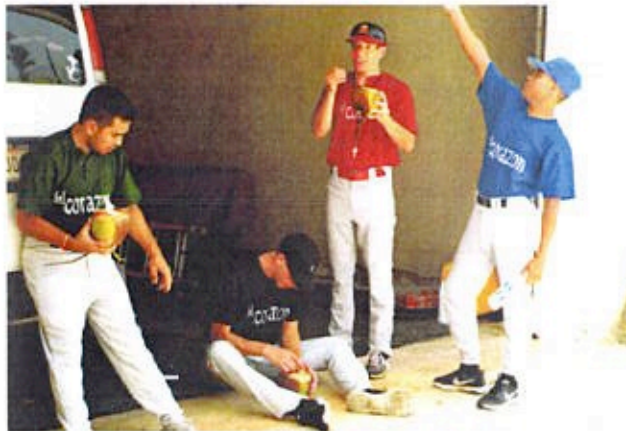
Anchor Church, Kaneohe, Hawaii; Aquaponics, building maintenance

**June**

FAME, Indianapolis, Indiana: Evangelism through medical camps

**July**

El Catey Summer Little League Program



**El Catey Summer Little League 2016**

Above: Coaches take a coconut break after walking through the town and meeting with kids and families.



vacation bible school



water day

EL CATEY, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  
DECEMBER 2016

**ADELANTE**

Pressing On  
evangelism through  
medicine • education • sports



Team Calvary enjoys their home visits in El Catey to one of the young moms and her newborn son. Please pray for our young moms, their babies, and that their hearts would turn to Jesus.

**GLORIA A DIOS  
GLORY TO GOD**  
"IN HIS HEART A MAN PLANS HIS COURSE, BUT THE LORD DETERMINES HIS STEPS."  
PROVERBS 16:9

Thank you to the following individuals and teams who came to serve the Lord in El Catey, and for the events that brought hope, encouragement, and the love of Christ to the lives of the people in the Dominican Republic. Through their willingness and mission, they have touched hearts for the Lord.

- Dr. Leslie Valenzuela, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic: 2nd year commitment with Del Corazon providing medical care and community outreach
- Micah Tesoro, Kaneohe, HI, Summer Ministry Assistance, Summer Little League
- Avi Fuentes, Boston, MA, Summer Little League
- Luke and Andrew Harvey, Apex, NC, Summer Little League
- Calvary Chapel Central, Phoenix, AZ:



## Unforeseen Opportunities

As a child of 11 years old, the thought of being an umpire was far from Harley Acosta's mind.

Most Dominican boys in our town at that age and time were thinking about playing baseball, exploring fields and streams,



climbing trees, hanging out, and playing more baseball. The opportunity began in 2008 when a small team came from the states to share Christ through little league baseball clinics. Harley spent that week learning about the game and a little bit about umpiring. He also learned about why Jesus died for us. Over the years our relationship with Harley grew and developed to the point where he asked Jesus to be his Lord and Savior, became a part of our family, and was able to attend the Wendlestedt Umpire School in Daytona Beach, Florida in January of 2015. Harley did well in the program. He graduated, but had zero experience umpiring any games. Harley was advised by the school to get as much experience as he could umpiring games when he returned to the Dominican Republic. He took their advice and worked as hard as an umpire in the Dominican Summer League, the season for the professional baseball academies in the DR.

In January 2016, Harley was given the opportunity to return a second time to the umpire school with the hopes of receiving placement as an umpire in Minor League Baseball. Harley did return in January, this time however, with Steve, who after prayerful consideration made the decision to attend the school with Harley as his spiritual dad to encourage, disciple, and grow in the Lord together. Little did Steve know that God had another plan for him. The 5 weeks Steve spent in the program was filled with physical pain and spiritual gain! He was given the opportunity to lead a weekly bible study for the students, pray for the needs of his fellow classmates, check on the injured, and

allow God to be glorified. With what little Steve could do on the field, God did in greatness in the hearts that the Lord touched. At the end of the program, Harley and Steve had grown together spiritually along with the other guys that attended the bible study, Harley received a job with minor league baseball as a starting umpire, Steve did graduate, and God opened another door for outreach through Del Corazon. Steve was invited by Hunter Wendelstedt to be a part of their staff during their 5-week program in January 2017. Representing Del Corazon de Jesucristo, Steve will offer medical services, classes on health and fitness, and will look forward to leading weekly bible studies with the students--praying for and encouraging them, and being used by God in whatever capacity He has for him while he is there.

May you come alongside us in prayer that hearts would be ministered to and that these men would find hope, love, joy, and salvation in Jesus Christ. All glory to Jesus!



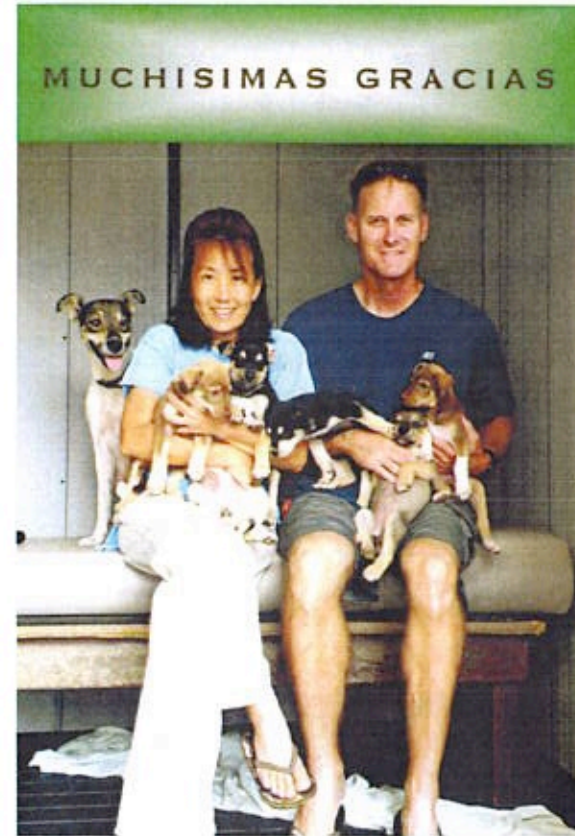
**The Summer Little League Outreach** was formed to encourage boys between the ages of 9 and 14 to participate in a community baseball program focused on building sportsmanship, character, courage, and loyalty.

Del Corazon's top priority: To form a baseball ministry team consisting of 4 individuals with a passion to teach kids the game, and to grow in their knowledge and understanding of Jesus Christ through personal study of God's Word, daily team devotionals, bi-weekly bible studies, and fellowship.

The goal and challenge: 6 weeks of coaching, modeling, discipline, integrity, hard work, and teaching the game.

We praise God for sending Avi, Andrew, Luke, and Micah, who put their trust in the Lord as they allowed God to lead the course.

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7*



Hello Friends!

Glory to God in the Highest! We are grateful to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the goodness He continues to pour out on us and the ministry of Del Corazon! Thank you for being a part of Del Corazon de Jesucristo. Your prayers, encouraging words, support, and involvement blesses us greatly! Thank you for your willingness to serve and sacrifice so that others may come to the knowledge of God's saving grace. You have refreshed our hearts and God is glorified in you! A very merry Christmas to you as we celebrate the birth of our Savior! Faith, hope, and love in 2017!

En el amor de Cristo,  
Steve & Julie

# get involved...

*Then He said to them,  
"The harvest truly [is] great, but the laborers [are] few;  
therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out  
laborers into His harvest."  
Luke 10:2*

Del Corazon de Jesucristo reaches out to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ by providing medical care and education to the underserved population of the Dominican Republic. Our purpose is to provide hope and encouragement to a community by helping meet their physical and spiritual needs.

Would you like to get involved?

## Changing lives for eternity

Here are some ways you can be a part of Del Corazon...

- Pray for Del Corazon
- Visit Del Corazon in the Dominican Republic (short or long-term missions)
- Financial support
- Scholarship program
- Summer Little League Outreach
- Internship and Programs to develop Dominican leaders

For more info please check out our website [www.delcorazon.org](http://www.delcorazon.org) or if you would like to get involved, please contact us at:

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