

dominican republic
LAS SALINAS, BARAHONA



mission recap
JULY-AUGUST 2019





**JAMES
MASSINGALE**

**JORDAN
JONES**

**TIM
WILLIAMS**

**CHARLES
WILLIAMS**

**DEANDRA
JONES**

**JOHN
GLENN**

**JOSHUA
MASSINGALE**

**TENNILLE
MASSINGALE**

**JIRAH
MASSINGALE**

**COFFEE
ROBINSON**

2019 DR BASKETBALL



COMITÉ DE
JOVENES
CALINAS

BAILEY
GLENN

TIMMY
MADDING

TANASHA
ALLWOOD

KURTRAN
WRIGHT

PAMELA
NELSON

ERMA
BRYANT

TEREL
WHITE

RY
SON

DANITA
WHITE

TENITA
MADDING

LYNETTE
BELL

CALEB
MADDING

CAMP TEAM ROSTER





But those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

isaiah 40:31



COMMUNITY CHURCH
#ALLIN

LA DIFÍCIL TRO
PROVERBIOS 24:10

LOS HONESTOS, EMOCIONES Y ACCIONES
PERMANEZCA FIEL AL JUEGO - TITO 2:7-8

ALABADO | SALVACION ASECUARADO
ROMANOS 4:13, ROMANOS 10:9, 10



ONE BARAHONA

DeAndra Jones

Barahona boys
Grow to be a man
Barahona mammas
Do all that you can

Barahona daddies
Will you teach them how
Barahona pastors
Are you praying now

Barahona coaches
Do you see the need
Barahona leaders
Is it souls that you feed

Barahona teachers
Will you hold their hands
Encouraging and loving
Till they understand

Missionary churches
Let us not be done
Till these girls and boys
Know Jesus as God's son

God, please perform miracles
All across that land
While we work as ONE
Doing all that we can



Coach Charles Williams

LISTENING TO THE STORIES OF OTHERS PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO TELL GOD'S STORY

This year's mission trip was very fulfilling for me both mentally and spiritually. It also tested my endurance.

I discovered you can learn a lot about who you are when dealing with 16-18-year-olds. When engaged in real talk with my group of players, I had to be engaged on both the mental and spiritual fronts.

It's amazing how God can allow you the ability to center your attention on what He's doing in your life for you and through you. I went expecting to have a fun week with players. But instead was taught by them. They have something to say.

If I choose to listen to their story, I can share my story and get permission to tell God's story.

I was able to share with young men and women how God loves us and has a purpose and plan for our lives. It's important for us to demonstrate God's love to others who may not know about it.

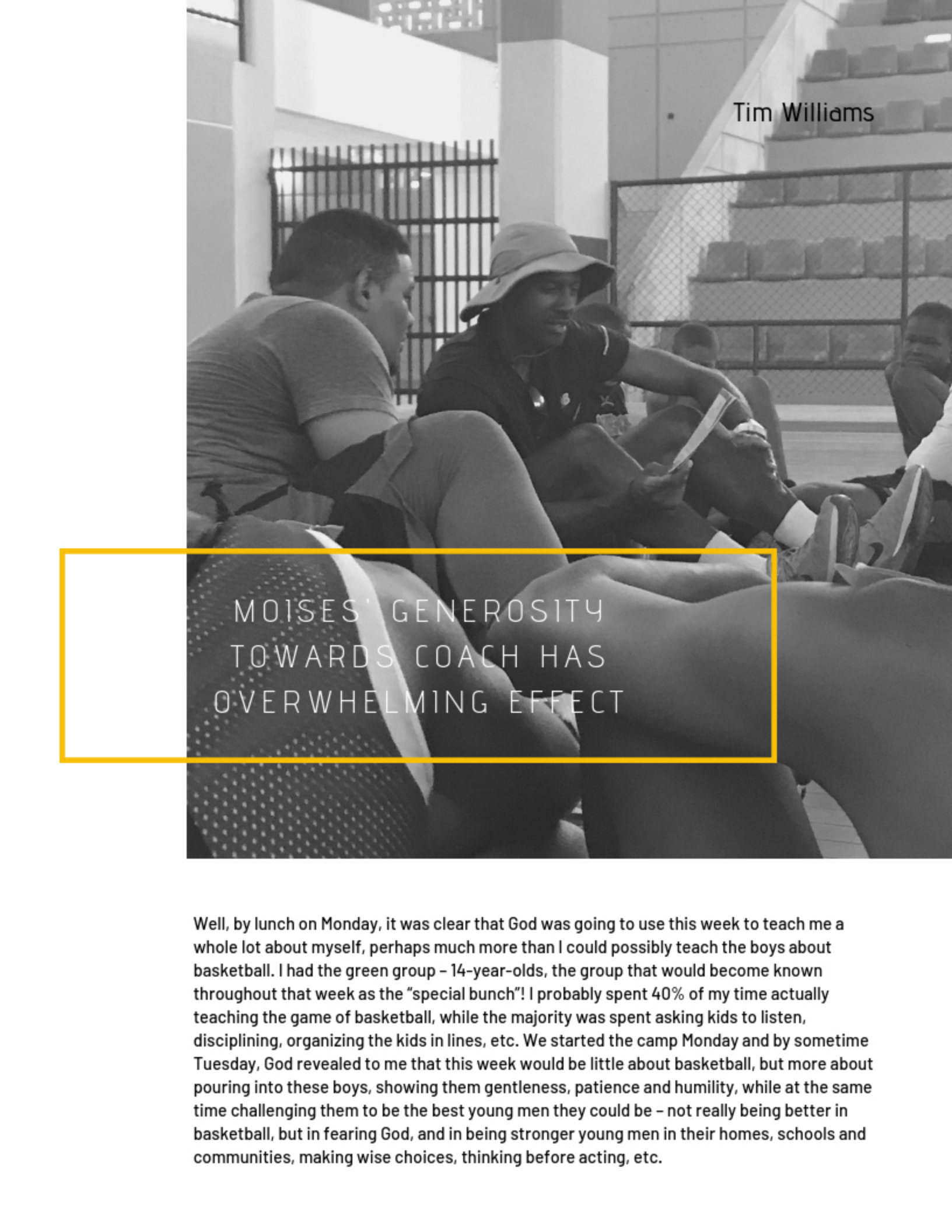
Through this mission trip experience, I've learned more about being patient and persevering. God has much in

store than we can imagine.

What stood out to me the most was our small group experience. One young woman, Nicole, is 16-years-old and married and seemed confused, but later gave her life to Christ. 20-year-old Franklin was not enrolled in the camp. I met him during skills training on the outdoor court, welcomed him in and later that day, he too gave his life to Christ.



**"Mentoring is the cultivation of young adults,
the tender caring for and nurturing of them
so that they will grow, flourish,
and be fruitful."
— Jeff Myers**



Tim Williams

MOISES' GENEROSITY
TOWARDS COACH HAS
OVERWHELMING EFFECT

Well, by lunch on Monday, it was clear that God was going to use this week to teach me a whole lot about myself, perhaps much more than I could possibly teach the boys about basketball. I had the green group – 14-year-olds, the group that would become known throughout that week as the “special bunch”! I probably spent 40% of my time actually teaching the game of basketball, while the majority was spent asking kids to listen, disciplining, organizing the kids in lines, etc. We started the camp Monday and by sometime Tuesday, God revealed to me that this week would be little about basketball, but more about pouring into these boys, showing them gentleness, patience and humility, while at the same time challenging them to be the best young men they could be – not really being better in basketball, but in fearing God, and in being stronger young men in their homes, schools and communities, making wise choices, thinking before acting, etc.



There were many great moments throughout the week, including the All Star Night, Movie Night, the banquet and the countless games of knockout we played; but, my favorite was this. Frequently throughout the day, my boys would literally leave the court and go across the street, most often to get a snack. Through Tuesday, they never asked for permission. By Wednesday, they understood they needed to ask since coaches were entrusted with their safety.



Well, during the breaks, rather than think up our next basketball drill, I had started using the time to ask the boys questions, to get to know them and to better understand their family life. Moises, one of my 14-year-olds, and I were talking. He told me there were 11 people who lived in his house including grandparents, cousins, his mom, and siblings. After talking for a while, he asked if he could go across the street. I thanked him for asking and he went. About five minutes later, he came back. I could see he had a snack and thought nothing of it. But then, he did the unexpected.



He went into his pocket and pulled out some cookies, wrapped up, clearly new, and he gave them to me. I opened my hand and received them, but was so taken aback; I don't think I spoke right away. I eventually said thank you and then thank you again. I was so overwhelmed with his generosity that I just sat there in awe. It brought a smile to his face. I couldn't believe that a boy with so little, a boy with so few resources would even think to share his snack with me, let alone use his money to buy me a snack.



Here I am, gainfully employed and having more than enough, and this boy, Moises, buys me a snack. I just couldn't believe it – still can't. Pastor Kurt happened to walk over just a few minutes afterward and I shared what had just happened, and we both just kind of shook our heads in amazement. I am emotional right now thinking about that moment.

Later at Thursday's banquet, Moises and I took a bunch of selfies. I could see we had built some real camaraderie and trust. As a leader of a large organization of people at work, I often reference the Covey quote which says, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care". I felt like that moment with Moises, and really the entire week, put special meaning into that statement. Now I have a real life story to show the truthfulness of it.

**TO GOD BE THE
GLORY IN
BARAHONA!**

1 CORINTHIANS 9:22

I HAVE BECOME ALL THINGS

to all people so that by all possible means I
might save some.



Gift of Bible Disperses Nervousness

Terel White



It was the first day of camp.

I was more confident this year than I was last year, but still a little nervous. The registration team was on top of it and getting ready to let the first campers in. Facing the blue fence that protects the main court, I was sizing up the orange jerseys. I looked to my right. My first 15-year-old was walking in with his swag bag. I could tell he was 15 by the orange tape on his chest. His name was Sadiel. He was one of my seven names I was praying for before the trip. I high-fived his hand trying to break the ice between two strangers.

"Buenos días," I said. He responded the same.



I was all out of Spanish phrases. Not because I didn't know more; but because I was nervous and drawing a blank. I turned to see if more campers were coming. Sadiel took a seat in the stands and began going through his bag. He pulled out a flyer size piece of paper. It was the daily camp schedule. Returning the schedule to his bag, he pulled out a spray pen of hand sanitizer. He tapped me and gestured: What is this? I gestured back the washing of hands. Sadiel took the cap off. He sprayed his hands, rubbed them together, then lifted them and placed them over his nose. Inhaling deeply, I could tell he liked the smell. Sadiel went back into his bag. This time, he pulled

out a macaroni yellow book. He flipped it back and forth a couple times, then fanned the pages. I could tell there was something on his mind. Sadiel stopped and looked up at me.

"¿Biblia?" he said, simultaneously running his finger under the word on the cover.

"Sí," I responded.

Sadiel open it, "¿En español?"

"Sí," I answered.

"¿Mío?" he asked.

"Sí," I answered again.



Sadiel's face lit up with excitement. He hugged his Bible and said, "Gracias". He flipped through the pages a couple more times, then placed it back into his bag and pulled the draw strings tight, smiling.

In that moment, my nervousness faded and I was excited to be back.

ONE YEAR LATER, TESTIMONY STILL MAKING A BIG IMPACT

Tanasha Allwood



Last year, when I attended the basketball camp mission trip to the Dominican Republic, I wasn't sure how much of an impact I would have. If you recall, I was asked to lead the Arts and Crafts section which proved to be fruitful. Outside of that, I was asked to share my personal testimony with the older kids and so I did. I remember weeping so much that a few of the kids and coaches joined in as well. I remember thinking I didn't know if it helped or not.

Fast forward to this year, we opted not to have the Arts and Crafts, so I was curious as to how God was going to use me. I was assigned a stretched goal of putting together the devotionals for each day of the camp. It was in those small and large group times that the magic really happened and I received confirmation from God that I was needed.

You see this kid pictured here? His name is Denny. He came up to me at the start of camp and gave me a big hug. He remembered me from last year. Not only that, but on day four of the camp, he brought a picture that him and I had taken together last year.



He said he keeps it in his sock when he goes to play basketball as he is reminded of my testimony. That right there was my confirmation.

I was crying tears of joy and just thanking God for His presence. I feel honored to be in a position to encourage others to keep God first, be obedient, make good decisions and to know He has a plan and purpose for your life and never give up hope.

Wednesday OF TEAMWORK!

when God's people live together

but it's an entirely different battle to
as in all team sports, the players who play
defeat a team of selfish individuals. Teams
defeat a group of individuals even if those
When you become a Christian you are now
long to the "Body of Christ". You are a part
team! As a Christian God has placed you in a
community. Imagine what we could
ns worked together? Life is a team sport. We
uild-up and guide one another so that we
ccomplish our God-given purposes. Whether
battlefield, the success of your mission
team. There is power in unity. And the same
ur life. God wants us all to be in unity with Him
our body, and our spirit.

QUESTIONS

me when you were on a winning team that worked
her.

a time when you were on a team that did not function

one's decisions determines whether we win or lose.

ne else's choices affected your life?

eed we need good people in our lives helping us win.

people in your life that are helping you succeed at life?

mily working like a team? What happens when it is not

team?

ean to be a part of "Team Jesus"?

WITH THAT, I JUST WANT TO SAY,

"THANK YOU GOD FOR
THIS BEAUTIFUL
BLESSING.

YOU ARE TRULY
WONDERFUL AND I'M SO
HONORED THAT YOU
CHOSE ME AND
TRUSTED ME WITH THIS
PRIVILEGE TO SERVE.
ALL FOR YOUR GLORY!!
AMEN."

MASTER ORCHESTRATOR USES LIFE EXPERIENCES IN PREPARATION FOR AMAZING MOMENT

DR. LYNETTE BELL

Every plan of action has been orchestrated by God. After many years of planning, implementing, and praying, I can see how God has redeemed the Barahona missions team.

This is the one team that has become two. The adult team has become adults and families. The community evangelism, community cleanup, repairing of homes and sharing of meals has become the VBS, home repair and meal sharing, basketball camp equipped with skills training, a banquet and daily sharing of the Gospel. This package has provided the passage of saving 33 for Christ.

Out of over 100 young men and young women

who attended the camp from the ages of 7 to 22 years, 33 accepted Christ as their personal Savior. This mind-blowing event has come after four years of patiently showing up and being used by God for His purpose.

I can genuinely say: See how the Lord prepares individuals, teams, and leaders all to accomplish His plan of action for the salvation of the world.

Just imagine me. It all began when an evangelist came to a worship service for our youth in our church and explained to us how we could accept Jesus as our personal Savior. Her explanation was that our lives were dirty like a glass of water, which she showed us, and that Jesus would come along if we so





chose and cleanse us. This cleansing was exemplified through her pouring a clear liquid into the glass of dirty water, and it instantaneously changed all the dirt that was in it. I needed that! I needed my life cleansed as many of the people from Barahona need their lives cleansed, and as people of the world need their lives cleansed. But this cleansing can only come through the blood of Jesus Christ. And it is His blood that can change us and guide us in a path that will lead to eternal life and world success.

The second portion of my preparation began when my granddaughter was born. She was born hard of hearing and therefore we as a family learned American Sign Language. I have been signing ever since she was born. In signing to my granddaughter, signing for parents, signing to children whose parents are deaf, teaching students who are deaf in schools and speaking for people in stores who

are deaf, I was prepared. This preparation has been invigorating and I would never have thought part of this preparation would lead to me signing to a deaf youth who accepted Jesus as Savior.

I thank Jehovah for preparing me through all the many experiences I have had. God truly is to be praised for His excellent and perfect orchestration in every life situation. All of this to prepare us for His expected end.

Every situation and every preparation has been orchestrated by Jehovah who designs us intricately to meet His perfect purpose. Barahona's children need Jesus. Evangelists need Jesus. Pastors need Jesus. Everyone needs Jesus for He alone can make you whole; He alone can make you complete, and He alone will give you eternal life when you accept Him and allow Him to save you.





ENTIRE FAMILY BLESSED BY MISSION EXPERIENCE

James Massingale

"How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to Your Word." -
Psalm 119:9

This world is drowning in an ocean of sinful attractions. We're bombarded with temptations that God wouldn't approve of from every angle. So, how can we stay pure in a contaminating environment? We must have counsel and strength more dynamic than the tempting influences around us. God's Word is the most powerful and compelling counsel known to man. By reading God's Word and doing what it says we can overcome the enemy. His Word is the only tool to accomplish this miracle. We're so grateful to be a part of an amazing team to accomplish this goal!

Working along side 20 others with likeminded goals for the community of Barahona was a blessing to our family. It was nothing short of a miracle. From the way God assembled the group, to the way everything came together to glorify His name was an incredible journey to be a part of. We will never forget this experience and the people who helped make this possible. We love you all!

We will never be the same!



DIFFERENT PEOPLE, ROLES LEADS TO THE ACCOMPLISHING OF ONE GOAL

Tennille Massingale

It was an answered prayer to serve with my family, but God with His infinite wisdom and desire to bless us with far more than we could ever ask for or think, blessed us to serve abroad in the Dominican Republic with the best group of people that only He could assemble.

As the runner for the camp, I was blessed with the opportunity to see everyone working wholeheartedly in their role. It was amazing to see how different people with different backgrounds pulled together to use their God-given talents to make this basketball camp a huge success. It was evident that we all shared one common goal and that was to serve the kids in the Las Salinas community.

Whether is was leading the devotions, teaching the game of basketball, taking pictures or helping with the logistics of registration, lunch and water breaks, we all served with one purpose. That purpose was to share God's love and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It was an honor and a privilege to serve with my sisters and brothers in Christ and I can't wait to see the fruits of our labor.



TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!



"FOR JUST AS THE BODY IS ONE AND HAS MANY MEMBERS,
AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE BODY, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY,
SO IT IS WITH CHRIST."

- 1 Corinthians 12:12



SPORTS MAKES THE GOSPEL EASIER TO UNDERSTAND

Joshua Massingale

The Dominican Republic mission trip was awesome.

I feel like when you share the Gospel through sports it makes it easier to understand. It was really cool to be in another country playing basketball and sharing God's love. I made a lot of new friends despite the language barrier.

I also got to witness 33 kids give their life to Christ, which was amazing. I enjoyed experiencing their unique culture, and one of my favorite things to do was drink water out of the water pouches.

It is my hope that the kids who learned the Gospel will share it in their community and I get to go back again next year.

HARD WORK + LOTS OF FUN GOES DOWN AT CAMP

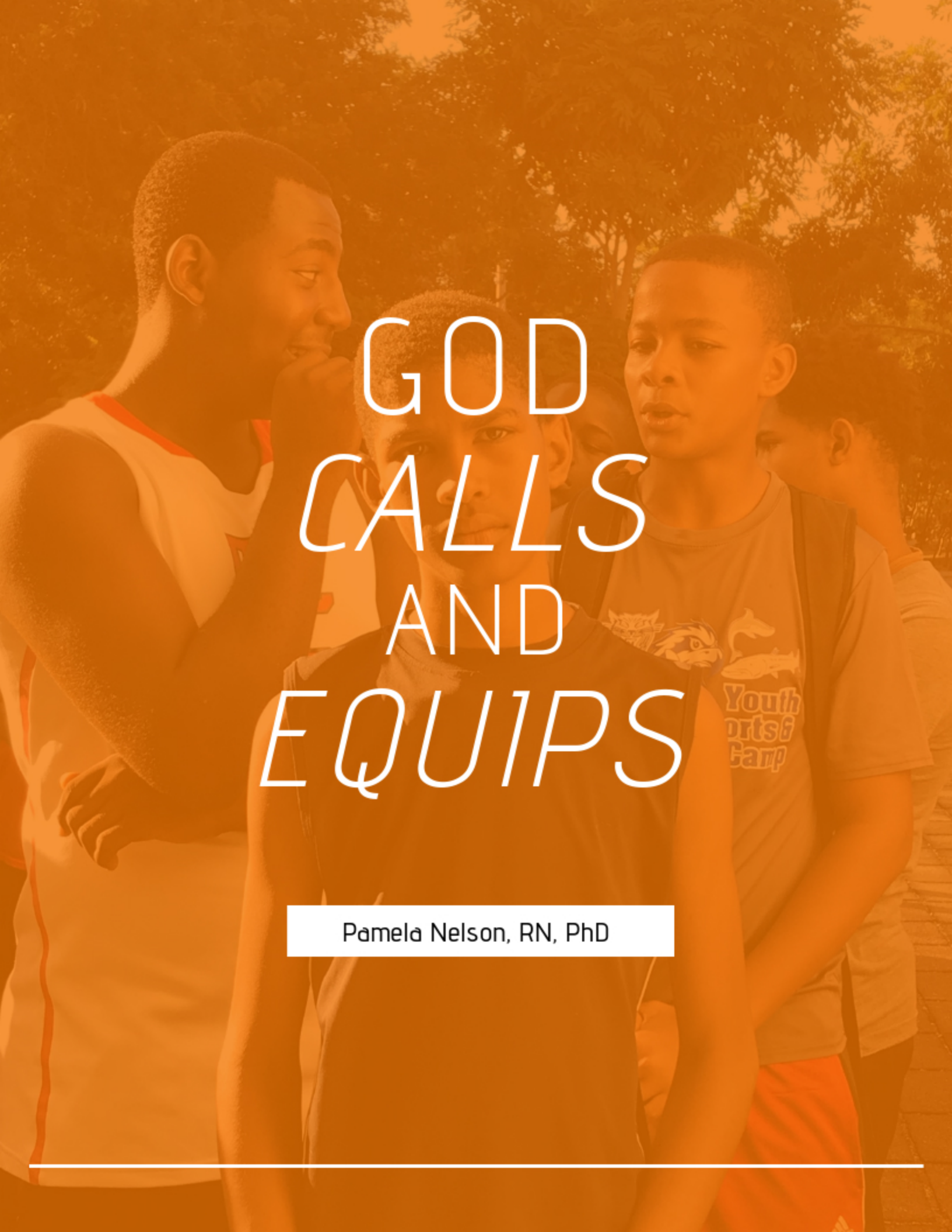
Jirah Massingale

I had a lot of fun serving in the Dominican Republic. It was the best trip ever. I got to experience the way kids in the camp live and how it is so different from the way we live. My group at the camp worked really hard and had a lot of fun playing basketball.

God was really nice to let me go on this trip and help share the Gospel with the kids in the camp. I look forward to going back next year!

P.S. My favorite food was the different types of rice. It was really good.





GOD *CALLS* AND *EQUIPS*

Pamela Nelson, RN, PhD



Hebrews 13:20-21

Each mission trip to the Dominican Republic has been a unique experience for me and has brought together unique teams of people. Many of the team members are meeting for the first time. This trip was no different and I continue to be wowed by God and His perfection to bring together the right people at the right time to bring glory and honor to His name.

As a more seasoned member of our team chronologically and as a serial short-term missionary, there have been times when I wondered if my usefulness had passed; whether I could be of service on the team or just be in the way. I quiet those thoughts and seek opportunities to use the gifts that God has given me to serve His team and the people of Barahona by devoting time

to prayer and study of God's word. Although I do not play basketball, my spiritual gifts are needed from nursing, note taking to making Gatorade; and God sets up divine appointments for me to minister to a member of our team or someone from the community.

God designs our teams and each person on the team has a purpose and at the appointed time the unique purpose and divine appointment will be revealed when we listen and obey.

There were several memorable moments on this trip, but one of the most memorable moments was the night of our banquet. As we were preparing to serve the players from the camp and their parents, it started to rain. The rain cooled the evening heatwave. Everyone scrambled, even our

team, to find cover. Yet, no one left the area. After the rain passed, Pastor Kurt began to explain the plan for the banquet to continue and the children and their parents listen as well. Within minutes, everyone was at work. The community joined us in resetting the tables, wiping the water from tables and chairs. The scene was profound to experience because some of the people who were assisting us were not a part of the camp in anyway but bystanders from the community.

Thanks to our leaders, our team and most of all to Christ for the blessing to serve with this team.



BEING IN GOD'S PRESENCE LEADS TO UNFORGETTABLE MISSION TRIP EXPERIENCE

John and Bailey Glenn

This mission trip came to my attention through my daughter, Bailey. Bailey was so inspired by the message of the mission trip she immediately asked if we could go on this trip to the Dominican Republic. Bailey and I have always been close, but this trip was an experience that brought us both closer to God and each other. We laughed and we talked all week about our shared experiences and we both thank God for allowing us to be in His presence during this trip.

In the service of God, you must seek HIS presence, to do HIS will and follow HIS instruction.

Many times, we have plans and agendas of our own where we want to help but don't understand how to help. This basketball trip stripped all our agendas away, and we served God with a sense of purpose and experienced His will unfold in the lives of the boys and girls who attended our camp.

Seeking God's presence is the key to any mission trip. You can watch all the videos you want and plan as much as you like but you must position your heart to listen to the Holy Spirit. This is the only way to serve. God moves in all our lives, but we must be ready to respond. Having the right

heart will unlock many doors that you don't see and require you to trust God unconditionally. Trusting in God and having faith that He will carry you through is something we take for granted.

This was a trip about the lives of a community and not just basketball. The time we spent with the young men and women helped reshape my life and influenced the life of my daughter. To see a people that have very little but are so generous makes you rethink your priorities. The thing that sticks out in my mind is the loving way that the boys at the camp in our group interacted with you. They were always looking for a hug or that positive affirmation that they did something right. The high-fives and the smiles were always in abundance.

As you navigate the week, you learn more Spanish and you start to think about how richly God has blessed you and your family. During afternoon devotionals, the team would gather and listen to the Word of God. This is where the kids listened and then asked questions that we did not see coming. This sparked great conversations and gave us insight into how the kids think and how they listen to what we say. 33 people were saved during this week and that was a harvest beyond my expectations. God's presence is worth the trip. God challenged me and my daughter to get out of our comfort zone and serve people on their terms, not ours. Serving people is a practice in humility and love. The more you love and listen to God's word, the humbler you will become. I realize now that humility is required in everything we do, from daily conversations to the prayers you offer up before you sleep. Prayer is required for humility and humility is required to love. How we love each other is a key indicator of how we want to be loved and who loves us. God loves us unconditionally and His love never ends. We must realize that all the stuff we have is of no use to God, but His presence is what we should seek.

Coaching basketball gave us to share a common love and passion. Spending time in God's



presence gave us the opportunity to see the moving of God in the lives of His people. Watching God work in the lives of others is an awe-inspiring experience. I now know that being in the presence of God is greater than anything you can imagine even your own dreams. We were in God's presence in the Dominican Republic and that is an experience we will never forget.





TEAM MEMBERS' ACTS OF GREAT LOVE PROVIDE MOTIVATION

Danita White

This year's mission trip was nothing short of amazing! Once again, I am grateful to God for the opportunity to have gone for the third time to the Dominican Republic on mission with One Community Church. It was such a blessing to me to help put on our second basketball camp, reconnect with old friends, reaffirm relationships and form new ones.

As unofficial photographer for this trip, I was able to take a step back and see God work in hearts and lives. Using the sport of

basketball, coaches/translators from both the U.S. and D.R. teamed up to pour encouragement, spiritual truths, discipline and the love of Christ into young people - with the result being that 33 young people made decisions for Christ for the first time.

Witnessing the way Coach Joel, Coach Williams and others interacted with the players and prayed over them was an inspiration to me. As spouses, parents, and professionals, they could be doing anything with

their time, but the passion, commitment and detail they put into this camp; the faith they have in the young people who came; and the love they have for God, their families and the community of Las Salinas serves as a reminder for me to: (1) keep God as my main focus, (2) reach back and lend someone behind me a hand up after I have "made it", and (3) to strive for greatness every day.

Whether running drills, carrying water, handing out food or prepping registration, everyone on our mission team motivated me in some way. For an entire week, I saw them live out Mother Teresa's words and "do small things with great love".

"Now to Him who is able to do

*exceedingly
abundantly
above all that
we ask or think,*

according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ
Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

- Ephesians 3:20-21

TRIP A MOM'S ANSWER TO PRAYER FOR DAUGHTER

DeAndra Jones



I know my daughter had an incredible time and fell in love with the kids. She's still in touch with them. I loved supporting her in the trip as her mom. My prayer and goal was that she would start to see herself as a blessing for others and see the need to serve.

Last year, she experienced some traumatic unfortunate circumstances. She needed a lot of support. But a good life is about giving and serving. God answered my prayers. We are looking forward to her senior year and beyond. We can't wait to see what God has in store for her life as she focuses on being a blessing to others!

Commit to the LORD whatever
you do, and He will establish
your plans.

Proverbs 16:3





