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Celebrating 10 years!

LETTER FROM Father Bob Stec

Mi Dios y tu.

Almost ten years ago, in the earliest days of our mission, as we were passing out rice and beans to some of the poorest of the poor they started using this phrase "Mi Dios y tu." They didn't say Gracias or Thank you. Person after person, when receiving the gift of food, would respond: "Mi Dios y tu". It literally translates "My God and you." In the Dominican it is a cultural expression that means, "you will never know how much good you and God will do." Mi Dios y tu.

Ten years later, my most sincere thought to you and all those who have been involved and supportive is simply and sincerely, "Mi Dios y tu." You will never know how much good, and how many lives, and how many families you have helped and touched through your goodness and our work with Mission Possible.

Please take a few minutes to review the enclosed brochure. It outlines some of the developments and projects we have undertaken and completed over the years which have allowed us to bring the help, hope and care of the Lord to our family in the DR. What the brochure cannot capture is the many ways we have brought hope and faith, light and peace, and the promise of a better life - now and forever - through our mission efforts.

God bless you for your goodness. YOU make the mission possible. On behalf of the thousands fed, housed, educated, along with those who have received medical care, dental care, Bible lessons, and so much more - thank you - mi Dios y tu!

May God allow us to continue our mission efforts to build a better world for all who are in need.



Father Bob Stec

P.S. As we enter into the forty days of Lent, consider a Lenten sacrifice. Small change can lead to a new house and a big difference in our mission. Collect your change and send it to Mission Possible. It can be part of a new home for a family this June. AND....don't forget to join us on Saturday, May 6 for our Annual Gala. With your help, it will provide the funds we need to build 12 homes this year and complete the baseball field in 2017. Mi Dios y tu.

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If you are interested in helping and if you would like to contact any of our board members, please go to www.missionpossible.us.



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As we celebrate 10 years...

Top 10 Reasons to support Mission Possible:

- 1 Organization dedicated to serving the poor in the Dominican Republic.
- 2 Mission Communities growing and taking root (over 100 families cared for)
- 3 Dental Clinics, serving over 600 people!
- 4 Years working in our second community, installing the infrastructure for the entire community and completing 32 homes (and with your help 10 more in 2017).
- 5 Community Buildings Constructed for common use: Community One Community Center, School, Clinic, Community Two Community Center and Church.
- 6 The average number of people living in a 400 square foot home (which is a huge step forward from their tin shacks)
- 7 The number of taxi trucks it takes to bring the missionaries to Tin City to see how most of the world lives.
- 8 a.m. ...the time our Missionaries eat breakfast before leaving for the worksite to conduct service projects, Bible School, English Lessons, Medical Clinics, and more.
- 9 Thousand dollars, the cost of building one home.
- 10 Years serving Higuey, providing help and hope for those in need in our mission community. YOU make all the difference. Together we have changed countless lives.



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Celebrating 10 years

of lifting up a region and
inspiring service-minded leaders!

2007 - 2008

- **First mission trip** in December 2006-January 2007
- Built water walls and **foundation** of Community Center

FOLLOWING MONTHS:

- Completed the **Community Center**
- Shipped **container**
- School walls built, 2 homes constructed
- Created **woodshop** on Lorenzo's home
- First **Community Meal**

2009-2010

- Finished school building (June 2009)
- Assembled **playground** (June 2009)
- Built **chicken coop** (June 2010)
- Hosted **medical clinics**
- Set foundation for **clinic** and community center in Community I
- Impact Group to formally create **Board, bylaws and mission statement** (April 2010)
- **Save the Children** community worker serves our community.
- Advocating for **children's rights and wellness**
- Finished clinic/community center

2011-2012

- Hosted **vacation bible school** (January 2011)
- Continued basic **maintenance** in community 1
- Built 3 '**model homes**' in community 1
- Hosted First **Grand Slam Gala**
- **Angie Santana** is hired to serve our community in Higüey
- Worked with team of **engineers** to create the layout and design of Community II
- **Broke ground** for Community Center in Community II (November 2012)

2015-2016

- Continued home **construction** in Community II (all year)
- **The 'Mock Plan'** is instated; foundations are poured for 23 foundations and utility poles installed in phase II of Community II (October 2015)
- **Child Abuse Awareness** seminars are hosted throughout the region (January - February 2016)
- **Well installed** in community I to address ongoing water issues (January 2016)
- **Baseball field** construction begins (January 2016)
- **Leadership Development Center** is completed (June 2016)

2013-2014

- **Community Center** is completed in Community II allowing us to have a central place to operate during group trips
- The first **5 homes** are completed in Community II (January 2013)
- Jan 2014 - Church in Community II is **dedicated**
- **MPDR Board** meets in Higüey to review progress to date and set goals (March 2014)
- St. Joes Academy joins our efforts (June 2014)
- First **Dental Trip!**



For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'



Meet Kati

Kati is a 9 year old living in one of our two communities in the Dominican Republic!

We are a little over a month into English as a Second Language (ESL) classes Kati is doing amazing. We are beaming with PRIDE!

You have to hear it for yourself!
Watch the video of Kati at [facebook.com/missionpossible](https://www.facebook.com/missionpossible)



Your support makes great programs like this possible!

Please consider joining us May 6th for our Grand Slam Gala so that we can continue awesome programs like the Puente Program (ESL)!
www.GrandSlamGala.us

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Fill the container by April 25th!

We need your help filling a shipping container with materials and supplies!

Unfortunately, we can no longer bring used clothing into the Dominican Republic.

We do need donations of:

- Shovels
- Rakes
- Picks
- Brooms
- Tennis Shoes , Crocks and flip flops
- Sports equipment
 - Baseballs
 - Softballs
 - Bats
 - Gloves
 - Baseball cleats
- Paint Supplies
 - Paint rollers
 - Paint brushes
 - Paint trays

There are also some specific construction materials we need (electric wire, PVC pipe and fittings). If you have the ability to donate any of these items, please contact us directly to get a detailed list.

We also need to raise the funds to ship this container, \$7,500 total.

Donations can be dropped off to St. Ambrose Church.
929 Pearl Rd., Brunswick, OH 44212 during regular business hours.
Contact Jake with questions Jake@TheFEST.us

Solidarity

Mission work is a form of solidarity. We stand with those in need.

As we prepare for our June Mission Trips, we are asking you to be in solidarity with the 60+ mission team members. Pick a name and hold them in daily prayer. They will be one with God as they serve the poor. You will be one with them and they with you – solidarity – in the work we do together for the Lord. Your prayerful support will make the mission possible.

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Mission Possible

Making Mission Possible, A Grand Slam Gala Event Saturday, May 6, 2017

Progressive Field's Corner Bar
2401 Ontario Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44115

The Experience

6:00 - 7:00 | A priceless experience!

Go behind the scenes at Progressive Field...
Tour the Visitor's Clubhouse & Walk the Field, & an opportunity
to Swing at a Pitch from former Indians players in the
Indians Official Batting Cages. Cocktails & Hor d'oeuvres.

**7:00 | Fabulous Food & Dessert, Cash Raffle, Wine Pull,
First Pitch Drawings & Silent Auction**

7:30 - 10:30 | Live Music, Giveaways & Special Presentation

Complimentary Valet Parking off of Carnegie Road

The Box Office

Tickets: \$100 per person
(*\$75 on or before April 1st*)

To register or donate visit
www.GRANDSLAMGALA.us

Don't wait! Event is limited and does sell out.

Questions?

Contact Michele Sumner or Sarah Krieger
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Business Casual Attire. Tribe Gear Welcome!

Looking for other ways to help with the Grand Slam Gala in 2017?

- Consider donating merchandise and/or gift certificates for use in our silent and live auctions.
- Become a Hall of Fame Sponsor and encourage others to sponsor the Grand Slam Gala!
- Join the Gala Planning Committee and bring fresh ideas to help make the 2017 event AWESOME!

\$5,000

CASH RAFFLE!

**\$20 per ticket or
6 tickets for \$100**

Tickets available online!

WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE EVENT.
DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.

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