

**"Mission IS Possible:
Humbling and life-changing!"
- Jen Preising**

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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**"I went to help others, but in the
end it was they who helped me.
Serving others in God's name
brought me closer to God."**

- LORRAINE BETZ

This June we made a BIG difference...together!

**Together we did great good for those in need in our mission community.
The mission experience also made a real difference in the lives of our missionaries.
In their own words, read about the impact of the mission.**

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LETTER FROM Father Bob Stec

Pequeño cambio ... gran diferencia!

Small Change...Big Difference!

It may seem like a small thing, but when you put it all together – it means a house for a family in need.

Over the Season of Lent, we asked all our members to make use of a Lenten Rice Bowl. Quite simply, make a small sacrifice for the Lord and whatever 'change' you save, put in the rice bowl for those in need. Literally hundreds and hundreds of our members did just that collecting over \$11,000. This money allowed us to build a new home for a family in need (\$8500) and put the foundation in for another.

You can see the pictures of the families we helped. They come from very difficult living situations and have the joy and blessing (thanks to God and you) of moving into a home that will create a path for a better life for their family. Small change, big difference.



Anamuya Baseball team at the baseball field

All this happened as part of our June mission trips.

Here's a highlight list of what our mission team, and you, did together in the Dominican Republic:

- **76 missionaries** spread over two mission trips (each one week)
- **Five new homes were completed** with families moved in (see pics)
- 50 of the older homes had the **tin roofs recounted** to keep the water out and preserve the tin
- **300+ people were seen by the medical mission team** which did an outreach into the poorest areas of the town
- Much progress was made on the **baseball field** (all that is left is to plant the grass seed!)
- **Bible lessons and songs** were taught daily to hundreds of children
- **Baseball camp** took place in week two for about 100 children
- **Soccer camp and team building skills** were taught in week one for about 100 children

Most importantly, the mission team had an experience of serving in the name of the Lord and encountered Christ for what we did "for the least, you do for me." Hundreds and hundreds of people found help and hope by our presence, our care and your goodness.

Small change, big difference. Think of all the good YOU (and we) did with God together for those in need. YOU make the *mission possible*. God bless you.

For more information about upcoming mission trips, or ways you can help us bring the care of Christ to those in need, please contact Michele Sumner at MSumner@StAmbrose.us.

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Baseball paint crew chatting on a break



Group 1 enjoying a night out at Pala Pizza

"The Dominican Mission Trip has quite literally opened my eyes to another side of life. I was able to not only interact with children which brightened both their day and mine, but was given the opportunity to actually do the work and make a real difference. I will forever be grateful for the people I met and the work I did on that trip as it gave me a new perspective on a part of the world that I was blind to before."

- Anusha



Dominican friends in Village 1

"The mission trip was definitely eye-opening. Getting to go on the medical mission for two days was especially eye-opening. Seeing how many people were eager to be seen by the medical mission was incredible because we many times take healthcare for granted and the people who

were cares for on the medical mission were not seeing a doctor on any regular basis."

- Grace Harley

"This was my third trip to the Dominican. After having shared my experiences with family and friends, the opportunity to share this experience with my Dad is one I will never forget. The smile he had when helping teach the little kids how to play baseball to how proud he was of his landscaping skills really made an impact not only on me, but many of those in the community. I heard a quote on the first trip I went on and it has stuck with me ever since. It went, "To whom much is given, much is expected." No matter how small what you are doing may seem, it makes an impact on all the lives around you including yourself and that is what I have experienced every day in the Dominican."

- Lizzy



Cleaning tin roofs so they can be sealed



Lauren Koler, Lori Betz and Abbey Kraft learning the Pharmacy at the medical clinic

Thank you to our June Missionaries!

You truly served the Lord. Your hands built shelter for the poor, fed the hungry, brought hope to hundreds and certainly made so many faces smile during your trip. May our missionaries always remember the good they did, and continue to live lives of service wherever their paths take them.

- Danielle Bardwell
- Emily Bardwell
- Tom Behrend
- Tyler Benson
- Lorraine Betz
- Natalie Bottger
- Mary Gill
- Stephen Girardi
- Diane Graham
- Grace Harley
- Matthew Harley
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A group from St. Ambrose in the Church in the second community

"This was the most incredible and amazing experience. HOPE is the word that pops in my head everyday. My team was inspiring to me. They all worked hard and kept spirits up and alive. Some of the greatest people I've met. I was so moved by the family that moved into the house we helped paint, landscaped and fixed up. She inspired me but yet she was so incredibly thankful. She kept hugging me telling me she loved it and she was so happy. I was tearing up when she walked in and walked over to the window to hang a portrait of her family. She told me their names and said mi familia mi casa. We helped people build a life!!! Can you get anything better than that!! That's my so moving for me."

- Donna Lancaster.



Government installing septic

"You know how good you felt when the Cavs won the NBA championship? Now imagine how good you would feel when the Indians win the World Series. That is how I felt everyday on the mission. (I would have said the Browns, but who am I kidding)." - Lorraine Betz



Our roof sealers getting ready to head up on the roofs

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"Mission Possible was an eye-opening and unforgettable experience that really taught me to be grateful, put God first, and to always show love to others. The ability to impact the lives of those less fortunate than us is powerful and inspiring."

- Kristen S

