

Keller Connection (*CONSTRUCTION & HOSTING*)

LCMS Mission Field Update

Dominican Republic

January 2012

Thank you to all who partnered with us in 2011, to complete the building of the first Lutheran Church sanctuary in the DR.

Dedication of the Sanctuary in Las Americas - October 9, 2011



month	dates	group source	group type
Jan.	Kellers return to DR		
Feb.	10 - 18	Wales, WI	adult "combo"
March	2 - 10	Brookfield, WI	adult "combo"
	24 - 4/1	Spokane, WA	adult group
April	13 - 21	Nevada	adult group
May	3 - 11	Marshfield, WI	adult "combo"
June	2 - 9	Florida	youth group
	15 - 23	Brookfield, WI	youth group
July	21 - 28	Florida	youth group
Aug.	3 - 11	Oconomowoc, WI	adult group
Sept	open		All are construction groups except July, which will offer a day camp for disabled youth.
Oct.	open		
Nov.	open		
Dec.	Kellers off field		

Group Types We Will Gladly Host:

- ◆ *Construction Groups: All levels of construction... churches, playgrounds, helping local families with their homes etc.*
- ◆ *Investigative Groups: A group of 2-5 people desiring to visit the DR to see how they might "get connected." Example: a youth director and an assistant visiting the DR for 3-4 days to see how their youth may become involved with the work being done there.*
- ◆ *Witness-Mercy Groups: VBS, Group Home visits/day camps, Groups conducting Bible Camps or clinics; or a team of 2 Pastors desiring to teach an intensive class on Scripture/Doctrine.*
- ◆ *Groups with Specific/Professional Skills to serve or train: Team of Physical Therapists, Medical Teams, Dental Teams, Groups of Teachers/Principals.*

Some Specifics:

Group size: 8-14 or as noted above.

- ◆ *Time commitment: generally 7 - 9 days; arrive on Friday, depart Saturday of following week.*
- ◆ *Estimated personal costs: the Keller's host the groups at their home for \$20/day/worker + transportation costs (varies with group size for van rental) + airfare, + misc. expenses (trip insurance, vaccines, soveniers, etc.)*
- ◆ *Project funding: Each group is asked to "fund raise" to cover project expenses for their week of work - generally \$3,500 - \$5,000.*

Be a GO-er or be a SEND-er!



Construction focus in 2012 is the community of Palmar Arriba, specifically the school and families in need.

Future construction projects being planned include:

- ◆ *a playground at the Palmar Arriba school; leveling, surfacing & play structures 2012*
- ◆ *remodeling upstairs classrooms at the Palmar Arriba school*
- ◆ *completion of the house above the Palmar Arriba school site 2012*
- ◆ *repairs/reconstruction of homes as needed 2012*
- ◆ *church construction in Santiago 2013*

Select a month, select the specific dates within that month, verify with Jeanette via email at goofynettie@hotmail.com and begin your preparation! Can't find enough folks to form your own group? Not a problem! - contact Jeanette and get connected to others to form a combo group.

Most of all, pray for Brian & Jeanette, and the mission team in the DR!

