

the BEST IS
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

As I look back over the previous year, I am grateful for each and everyone of you and how God has worked through this ministry. We are blessed to have your support of Big Hope Ministries and could not continue the ministry that God has placed on our hearts without you. We appreciate your willingness to be part of something bigger as we remain committed to serving the underserved through the Buen Samaritano Clinic that provides essential medical and surgical care, clean water, construction projects, and education programs.

Jesus took 12 disciples, built relationships with them and created a lasting legacy for you and I to be able to have the hope that we have in the gospel. As we continue into 2024, the best is truly yet to come. We will continue to serve faithfully as we bring teams to the Dominican Republic and build relationships between the US churches, individuals in America, and those in the Dominican Republic. Thank you again for your support in 2023! Please keep Big Hope in your prayers as we continue to grow our ministry.

If you would like for John or I to come and speak at your church or are interested in taking a medical, surgical, or construction team to the Dominican Republic, please do not hesitate to reach out.

God Bless!
Donna Bearden

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MONTHLY DONATIONS**

OUR PRAYER IS THAT YOU WOULD PARTNER WITH US BY SETTING UP A RECURRING MONTHLY DONATION. GIVING MONTHLY IS A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT OUR WORK ON A REGULAR BASIS. VISIT WWW.BIGHOPEMINISTRIES.ORG/GIVING TO SET UP YOUR REOCCURRING GIFT IN ANY AMOUNT OR SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE.

**A LOOK BACK AT
2023**

384

PATIENTS SEEN AT BUEN SAMARITANO CLINIC
SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER

MOST COMMON ILLNESSES
UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS
PARASITIC INFECTIONS
HYPERTENSION

1,730

PATIENTS SEEN BY MEDICAL MISSION TEAM CLINICS

43

SURGERIES PERFORMED AT JAIME MONTA HOSPITAL BY MEDICAL TEAMS

3

MEDICAL TEAMS

1

SURGICAL TEAM



Stories of Hope

In 2012, as a rising high school senior, I knew that the Lord was calling me to serve in the Dominican, but little did I know how impactful that trip with John, Donna, my youth group, and our chaperones would have been on my life. The amount of love I experienced on that trip from people that spoke a different language and whom I had never met still touches me today. Following that summer, I went on three more mission trips, one 2014, another in 2016 with Grace Fellowship, and again in 2019 with my home church, Waynesboro First Methodist and my little sister.



Sharing a place that is so dear to my heart with my little sister was the truly a blessing. Now, as a youth director, I have the privilege of taking 14 of my youth to a place that captures more and more of my heart with every trip. Each of these trips have shown me just how easy it can be to show God's love to others. While the manual labor from the various construction projects has been good for the soul, my absolute favorite moments from each mission trip is when we host Vacation Bible Schools and get to show that childlike faith through acting out a Bible story and then just playing with the kids like we were best friends.



If you are new to Big Hope, I want to personally welcome you, because God has used this ministry to do some incredible things in the Dominican Republic and impact so many lives. I am extremely blessed that God has allowed me to be a small part of their story and that He has given me an extended family just a short airplane ride away!

- Dylan Thomas

TEAM RECAP

NOVEMBER 2023
DREAM MINISTRIES SURGICAL TEAM



JANUARY 2024
DREAM MINISTRIES MEDICAL TEAM



UPCOMING TEAMS

Please keep the following teams in your prayer as they work in the Dominican this year.

JANUARY
DREAM MINISTRIES - MEDICAL

PITTMAN PARK - CONSTRUCTION

FEBRUARY
HANDS OF HOPE - MEDICAL

MARCH
WAKE FOREST SCHOOL OF MEDICINE - MEDICAL

JUNE
WAYNESBORO FIRST YOUTH - CONSTRUCTION

GRACE FELLOWSHIP - CONSTRUCTION

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