

Legacy are you a piece of the puzzle?

I recently returned from a visit to the Dominican Republic with a group of people planning next year 2025's mission trips including medical/surgical, construction, eyeglass, evangelism, and VBS.

The topic of conversation revolved around how to ignite a fire in a younger generation of people. How to assist them in carrying on the legacy of your ministry. How we and the generations to come are going to be part of the piece of the puzzle.

Bear with me for a minute, a puzzle by definition is a game, toy, or problem designed to test ingenuity or knowledge. It is designed to form a shape or picture, if and only if the pieces come together and work harmoniously. Puzzle pieces are specifically designed to give us a small taste of beauty and what a beautiful whole we are forming. Each one of you are a piece of God's masterpiece uniquely formed to fit into a specific place in his divine puzzle plan. It takes ingenuity and knowledge to leverage another generation excited to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.



God is waiting on you to become a piece of the puzzle in the legacy of BIG HOPE. As I was waiting to catch the plane at the airport I ran into a young dentist by the name of Nate. Nate has just completed his trip to perform dental care at a prison near Barahona. Our conversation was jovial and insightful. Nate had been mentored by a college professor who believed in taking young students on mission trips. Nate began his first trip during his time in dental school with this professor. Hearing the testimony of how this trip changed his life reminded me of my first trip to the DR as a young nurse. This trip totally changed my life as well. Many of the young people on the trip this year expressed many of the same views. They had a totally different change in perspective, a willingness to serve in their homes, schools, communities and abroad. Many of those people who were with me on this trip had the same sentiments.

“We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works” (Eph. 2:10)

Because of you and your generous giving this year we were able to assist Aimee with her lifesaving heart surgery. We were also able to treat 755 patients in the clinic, 73 surgeries were performed, 2420 patients in the roving medical clinics 137 prescription eyeglasses, 155 readers, and 105 sunglasses fitted and distributed as well. We hosted a total of 7 teams – 4 medical/surgical and 3 construction. The construction teams worked on various projects. The clinic was repaired and painted. The roof was sealed to control leakage of water. The youth groups from two different churches constructed a new home for the night guard at the clinic. With your funding this year, we were able to purchase medicines, filtration equipment for the water system, and parts for the generator. We also worked in our community to assist in debris removal, tarping houses, and food/water distribution with our local church during Hurricane Helene.

As you can see, it has been a very busy and productive year. It is so necessary for you to be part of the piece of the larger puzzle BIG HOPE. My prayer for each of you is to find where you fit into the puzzle. Consider donating your BEST GIFT to the ministry to continue this great work God has placed before us. My prayer is that you will continue to support this ministry with your prayers and funding.

God Bless!

Donna Bearden

WE WANT YOU

TO BE PART OF BIG HOPE'S puzzle



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EKG MACHINE
STRETCHER FOR THE CLINIC

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A LOOK BACK AT BIG HOPE IN 2024

755 PATIENTS SEEN AT THE CLINIC
73 SURGERIES PERFORMED
2,420 PATIENTS IN ROVING MEDICAL CLINICS
137 PRESCRIPTION EYEGLASSES
155 READERS FITTED/DISTRIBUTED
105 SUNGLASSES FITTED/DISTRIBUTED
4 MEDICAL/SURGICAL TEAMS
3 CONSTRUCTION TEAMS

PARTNER WITH US THROUGH MONTHLY DONATIONS

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