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2009 Final Report - The Tampa Deanery Project Mission San Pedro y San Pablo



Construction Sign



The Present Storefront

Background: Mission San Pedro y San Pablo in La Barquita, Santo Domingo was founded in the early 1990's as an offshoot of San Felipe in Sabana Perdida. At first, San Pedro y San Pablo met in a family's home, but shortly after its founding it rented one-half of a small house to serve as the home for the new mission. Around 10 years later the diocese was able to purchase the present lot. The priest in charge of San Pedro y San Pablo as well as San Felipe is Fr. Monique Bruno who has recently retired. Fr. Bruno is ably assisted by seminary graduate Adolfo Moronta.

Especially in the developing world the poor usually live in less desirable and more vulnerable areas. The lower parts of La Barquita flood during hurricanes and tropical storms. Fortunately San Pablo y San Pedro's lot is high enough, and the first floor was raised an additional three feet so as to be above flood level. When completed, San Pedro y San Pablo will also serve as a shelter for the inevitable floods.

The 2009 Project: The project goal was to complete the first floor shell of the new San Pedro y San Pablo church. When finished, the church and school will be used to meet community needs including worship and pastoral services, education for younger children, job training for teens and adults, and as a nutritional center for the neighborhood.

In June and July the Tampa Deanery sent three teams to work on San Pedro y San Pablo. Under the oversight of Sr. Beato, builder and member of San Pedro y San Pablo, and before the arrival of the teams the Diocese had constructed the significantly reinforced foundation, poured the slab, and raised the walls almost to roof level on both the church and classroom section of San Pedro y San Pablo.

Team I completed the formwork on the school section and the columns on the church, and laid block to raise the walls to roof level. **Team II** completed the steel over the classroom section and started the steel over the church. The Team had a lesson in the challenge of Third world realities, losing three days work: Wednesday for a barrio-wide demonstration protesting the lack of water and electricity in La Barquita, Thursday the materials didn't arrive until quitting time, and Friday the Dominican steel worker worked on the stairwell rather than with the team. A team from South Carolina finished tying the steel for the church roof, and the two roofs were poured the week of June 22. Because most of the work was done three members from **Team III** worked at La Barquita only one day while the others prepped and painted the office, sacristy and second floor apartment at neighboring San Felipe where seminary grad Adolfo will live, and resealed San Felipe's roof. Team III also pressure washed and painted the walls around the patio at Epiphany Church near the diocesan office, and painted two new classrooms



San Pedro y San Pablo with roof poured.

and an exterior passageway for the “Ovejitos de Epifanía” preschool at Epiphany.



Team I at project site



Team II members tying rebar

Financial: As of this writing the Tampa Deanery churches have raised some \$77,000 for the 2009 San Pedro y San Pablo mission project. Expenses for construction materials, plus airline tickets and team support came to \$71,000 which leaves a balance of some \$6,000 for next year. The distribution of income by church and expenses by category is listed below. Naturally, all funds designated for the Tampa Deanery project will be used for the Tampa Deanery project whether in 2009 or 2010. The raffle brought in \$2,095 the night of the raffle plus other raffle monies that were channeled through the churches.

By staying in the modest Bishop Holly units at the DR Diocesan Center money was saved on lodging, which was then used for construction materials – a record \$42,000 this year. Lunches were catered to the project site and dinners to the Diocesan Center. The teams prepared their own breakfasts of sandwiches, coffee, juice, etc, purchasing breakfast supplies at nearby stores. A modest fee was paid to the diocese to cover the concierge’s extra work to clean and prepare the rooms.

{Note: 2008’s balance of \$1,340 from the Colegio Buen Pastor project was transferred to the San Pedro y San Pablo project in 2009. The August 2008 report showed a balance of \$10,168. In September \$8,828 were transferred to help finish the colegio Buen Pastor. With this help and with other support the Sisters’ were able to obtain, Colegio Buen Pastor was finished & dedicated on Sunday April 19th 2009}

2009 Income and Expenses

Team Income	Dollars
Grace	\$ 5,258.82
Holy Innocents	\$11,972.00
St. Andrew's	\$ 2,395.00
St. Catherine's	\$ 1,025.00
St. Chad's	\$ 1,620.00
St. Clement's	\$ 3,174.77
St. James HOP	\$13,675.00
St. John the Divine	\$11,373.65
St. John's	\$ 9,932.32
St. Mark's	\$ 2,745.00
St. Mary's	\$ 6,870.00
St. Peter's Cathedral	\$ 2,870.50
<u>General Income</u>	<u>\$ 4,135.52</u>
Total Team Income	\$77,047.58

Balance: Income - Expenses \$ 6,020.40

Project Expenses	Dollars
Airline Tickets	\$20,389.00
Team Support	\$ 8,638.18
<u>Construction Expenses</u>	<u>\$42,000.00</u>
Total Project Expenses	\$71,027.18



Team III men on newly poured roof.