

# DOMINICAN TRIP

This Summer

## Word's From Mike

"Sosua, Dominican Republic is ranked #4 in the world for the trafficking of young girls and young boys. Girls and boys, many as young as eight years old are rented to large groups who travel to this sex tourism destination. Can you imagine how you would feel if this life were your life, or the life of your children, or the life of your grandchildren?"

## Cup's Life Center

"The Cups Of Cold Water project is reaching out to the poorest of these children, many who live in the extreme impoverishment of the garbage dump. Here among these poor villages, the Cups Of Cold Water Life Center's offer an oasis of hope in a desperate place."

## Life-Skills Training

Cups of Cold Water brings a Girls Empowerment program, a Boys Development program, a Garbage Dump Feeding program, a Pastors Training school, a Business School, a Medical Clinic partnership, Family Counseling services, and a special Orphanage ministry. Cups staff work daily with children providing a hope through the Gospel of Christ.

Website:

<http://www.cupsofcoldwater.com>



## Dear Friend,

I just wanted to take the time to inform you about the incredible mission opportunity I have this summer with Crossover Ministries International. I will be going to the Dominican Republic as a short term missionary to help the many men, women and children.

There are many things that I will have the opportunity to help in. One of the most impactful parts of the trip will be visiting the city dump. It smells awful and can make many sick to the stomach but people live in it! Men, women and children all live in the dump!

They survive off of whatever they can scavenge. The "elders" of each family hop onto the garbage trucks as they roll in and try to get first pick on the trash. They eat the trash, sleep on the trash, and sadly, they live in the trash. The government pays them a few pennies/pesos, for any bottles they can collect. This makes them, essentially the governments recycling program.





## Word's From Jack

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"Around the world we see educational and social injustice is rampant. Many children are without education, proper nutrition, clean water, or opportunity for advancement. Seeing these children in hopeless conditions breaks our hearts, especially when help from loving Christians around the world is so very close to them. This may seem isolated to us in North America, but it is happening to over 20 million girls every year around the world. It is happening within the reach of the Christian church, within our reach."

## Sewing For Souls

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The Crossover Ministries team has decided that this bleak outlook will not be the description of our part of the Dominican Republic. Our missionary teams have chosen to take a concentrated approach in the midst of a central human trafficking area in the Dominican. To accomplish this task we are utilizing the Sewing For Souls discipleship program, teaching young girls self-worth, self-esteem, life skills, sewing, cooking, craft making, and providing personal one to one discipleship.

## Evangelical Films

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More ministry happens each week as our movie truck brings Christian evangelical films to other remote villages. With God's help, we have seen a community moved from at-risk to thriving. The children in our villages have smiling faces for a reason... they have hope... they have a future.

### Website:

<http://wwwcrossminintl.com>

Through the Cups of Cold Water organization we will be ready to hand out sandwiches, cups of water, and cups of soup we will prepare. Mike Williams, the missionary that lives in the DR, says to go to them to hand it out because the "elders" won't leave their stash to come and get it from us. Also, they can take any bottles they collect and fill them up with water.

After that, we will participate in vacation bible school. We will sing, tell a bible story, and make arts and crafts and then, when everyone leaves they get a snack and we will play games outside the building.

On some days, Mike will take us on a prayer walk around some of the streets of Sosua and we will share the gospel with the girls that are selling themselves to put food on the table. Mike will also show us the sewing centers the Cups of Cold Water team built to give girls a way to make money other than selling themselves.

In the past, teams went to a village that had burned down and gave them supplies such as peanut butter and some clothing. After everyone had gotten the supplies they watched a movie (in Spanish) about a missionary being prosecuted for his faith.

That's all of the things we will have a chance to do in the Dominican this summer, but to continue making an impact we need your help. I ask for a donation not for myself, but for those who live in the Dominican Republic that need to know the gospel. If you want to mail a check, mail to the return address on the envelope. If you would like to make an electronic donation go to [crossminintl.com](http://crossminintl.com) and hit the "Donate" button. Go to "General donations" at the top. Type in the amount. Hit "Go" at the bottom. And don't forget to leave my name in the "Name of person gift is for" text box! This will help fund my trip, but more importantly help spread the Gospel!

**Thanks,**

