2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Transforming the body, mind, and soul of the poor in the Dominican Republic
Who We Are

Solid Rock International is a Christian non-profit 501(c)3 organization focused on transforming the body, mind, and soul of the poor in the Dominican Republic. SRI acknowledges that there is so much more to wellness than just physical health. We believe we are called by God’s Word to care for the poor, and by doing so, are serving God himself. Jesus said, “For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.” –Matthew 25:34-36

When Solid Rock International (formerly Solid Rock Missions) was first beginning as an organization in the early 1990s, the desire was, and still is today, to holistically serve the poor in the Dominican Republic by focusing on all aspects of health. SRI’s first missionaries, along with other founders, professed, “We would like to express our gratitude to our Lord for allowing us to serve through the gifts, skills, and resources He has given us, to the poor of the Dominican Republic, providing health to the sick, bread to the hungry, education to the illiterate, assistance to the needy, and proclamation of the Kingdom of God.”

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Solid Rock International continues to grow and evolve. The humble organization, begun by Jim and Dorine Smith in the 1980’s, is now realizing another dream – a new hospital in San Juan de la Maguana which will serve more patients and be able to offer many additional services to our Dominican brothers and sisters. Fundraising has begun as plans have been finalized and staff is being hired and trained. Our prayer is that groundbreaking will take place in the coming year.

Ministry continues to be an important component of the Solid Rock strategic plan. This past year, training for local church leaders was expanded to include leaders throughout the Dominican Republic via the Willow Creek Global Leadership Summit. Based on enthusiasm and increased demand, plans are in place to continue the this annual conference.

Education has always been a key focus for Solid Rock with a large percentage of students in six different schools now being sponsored through the Student Sponsorship Program. San Juan is seeing how educating one student can change the lives of an entire family and community.

The Child Nutrition Program is now 70% funded by individuals giving ongoing pledges. The annual Rice and Beans Challenge, which began this past year, has brought more attention to the diet of Dominicans with fewer resources and the need for the Child Nutrition Program. The need continues now more than ever.

Installation of the first clean water processing system has been completed at the CCED School and is currently awaiting Public Health approval. The school will manage the system and educate the community about the advantages of clean water. The plan is to duplicate the clean water program throughout the region.

Solid Rock is blessed with a wonderful, young, dedicated, and dynamic staff, headed by Joe Zimmerman, Executive Director, and Shannon Zimmerman, Director of Development. Each day they exemplify God’s grace in the way they do God’s work to aid those less fortunate. The new website and use of social media is a product of their vision.

We ask God’s blessing for our friends in the Dominican Republic, each of you who make the work possible, and the leadership and the staff of Solid Rock International.

Patricia K. Tatham, President
SRI mission teams come from all over the United States and Canada to serve in San Juan de la Maguana, Dominican Republic. The teams include people of all ages, occupations, and skills. Many of our volunteers are committed to providing ongoing support to the people of the Dominican Republic, and therefore return regularly each year to serve. The only requirements are a willing heart for service and a lot of flexibility!

Over the past year, our teams have worked in the areas of construction, medical triage, neonatal resuscitation, physical therapy, surgery, prosthetics, chiropractic care, leadership training, teacher development, and Vacation Bible School. Our guesthouse staff (pictured below) works hard to provide a warm and inviting place for the teams to stay.

Countless lives have been blessed through the many hours of dedicated time and generous donations. However, any team member will tell you that a mission trip comes with a personal blessing as well. Making new friends, experiencing a new culture, and seeing a different lifestyle has a remarkable impact as volunteers reflect and discover how God is guiding their own personal path through life.

SRI would like to say thank you to every person who has served with us over the past year. Our volunteers compose the heart and soul of our ministries and we couldn’t function without them. We are so grateful for your dedication and sacrifice as you have truly made a difference!

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.”
-Colossians 3:23
“It is very rewarding to get the chance to do something for someone who can’t repay you, all the while making them feel important and valued. We have been blessed with this amazing opportunity.”
–Team member from Ohio

**Construction in El Cercado**

This year, Solid Rock construction teams have been working on a new project in the town of El Cercado, about an hour from the guesthouse. The local pastor and CCEI school principal have requested help from SRI to build a kitchen and dining facility that will be used by the El Cercado Clinic, the Child Nutrition Program, the local church, and the CCIE school.

**Building New Relationships**
Launching a REVOLUTION in San Juan

In cooperation with Dominican non-profit partner ACPSI (The Christian Association for the Promotion of Integrated Health), we have a vision to construct a new non-profit clinic that will fulfill our original vision of serving the poorest of the poor while providing opportunities to expand available services to the southwestern region of the Dominican Republic. Access to medical care is something that can be easily taken for granted. In the Dominican Republic, good healthcare is not only difficult to find, but, more often than not, is denied to the poor.

We believe God has not just suggested, but has commanded us, as Christians, to defend the cause of the poor. We believe in these commands, and that is why we give voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. **This is Solid Rock International’s largest project yet, but we trust that God will provide. The vision is big, but we believe that if your vision doesn’t scare you, then God probably isn’t in it.**

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

-Proverbs 31:8

Devastation after Hurricane George in 1998

The need for a new clinic can be traced back to Hurricane George in 1998 when dangerous floodwaters from the San Juan river washed away people, homes, as well as hope for many Sanjuaneros.

The clinic suffered considerable damage as it was covered in several feet of mud. Since the storm, the land where the clinic sits has been declared by the government as a flood zone. In addition to its location, the leaky roof, cracked floor, and mold growth have put the clinic at risk to be shut down at any moment. Insurance can also no longer be accepted due to its violation of government standards, making it difficult for the clinic to survive financially.
The new clinic will be located just a few kilometers west of the current clinic and will be a revolution for the community. Services will be provided in a convenient location, attracting both patients with means because of the high level of care, and those with less because of the discounted procedures offered. Patients will also benefit through the constant flow of North American doctors as they volunteer their skills in surgery and train the Dominican staff.

*The fundraising graphs below are as of June 30, 2013. For the most up-to-date fundraising amounts, visit: revolution.solidrockinternational.org.*

**Funding Needed in Order to Break Ground: $2,000,000**

- **Cash**
  - Received: $226,884
  - Need: $573,116

- **Pledges**
  - Received: $512,870
  - Need: $687,130

**Total Budget: $3,000,000**

- **Cash and Pledges**
  - Received: $739,754
  - Need: $2,260,246

To outfit the clinic, SRI is excited to partner with IMEC (International Medical Equipment Collaborative), an organization that collects donated surplus medical equipment, supplies, and hospital furnishings to provide solutions for healthcare projects in developing countries. The equipment for individual rooms, or suites, is packed and delivered directly to the clinic. Each suite is easy to unpack and ready to use immediately. Since 1995, IMEC has outfitted over 800 clinics in over 90 countries around the world. They will be providing us with $4.2 million worth of equipment for no more than $650,000.

We believe the new clinic will be a revolution for the community and will be counting on the support of volunteers and donors to help us turn our vision into a reality. However, we cannot do this without the prayers, participation, and sacrificial financial giving from people like you. Please consider how you can be a part of this project as we prepare to watch God work and move to provide for its completion. Extensive information relating to the REVOLUTION project, including a 13-minute video about the campaign, can be found online at www.solidrockinternational.org/revolution.
The Christian Clinic for Integrated Health is located next to the SRI Guesthouse in San Juan de la Maguana. While the clinic functions with a Dominican staff year-round, many SRI teams help to provide specialty surgeries that otherwise would not be available.
Barrio Clinic Teams

The medical staff has been focusing a lot on education when they go into the various barrios (neighborhoods). Recently, Dr. Sandy Valdez accompanied the team and gave several charlas (talks) to the people about preventative health, dengue fever, and other topics. These talks have been very effective and encouraging. Many of our translators have also assisted in the charlas focusing on topics such as nutrition, parasites, proper body mechanics, germs, diabetes, hepatitis, and vaccines. People are eager to learn, and these lessons can make a vast difference in the lives of the Dominican people.

Emphasis on Medical Training

This past year, SRI hosted 31 barrio clinic teams (day clinics in remote locations) and 16 surgical and medical teams who worked with the Christian Clinic for Integrated Health. The surgical teams worked in the areas of ENT, general surgery, hand surgery, orthopedics, OB/GYN, and prosthetics. Aside from surgical teams, volunteers also served in the areas of physical therapy and teaching neonatal resuscitation courses at four local hospitals.

In an effort to equip our Dominican medical staff for the future opening of the new clinic, we are emphasizing education and training in certain needed areas. For the upcoming year, SRI is seeking medical professionals who are willing and able to teach training courses in response to specific needs.

One of the “Charlas” in the Local Neighborhoods

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God is Working through SRI Medical Teams

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Sponsored Schools

CCED (Christian Center for Educational Development): Located in San Juan about a mile from the Christian Clinic for Integrated Health and SRI Guesthouse, the CCED school provides education from preschool through 12th grade, including vocational and specialized training for its students and adults in the community. This was the first SRI affiliated school, and is run by Principal Lissette Terrero.

CCIE (Christian Center for Integrated Education): This school is directed by Pastor Morales Ogando and is located in El Cercado next to SRI’s second clinic. It provides education for children in preschool through grade four.

Eastern Evangelical School: Located in the capital city of Santo Domingo, this school is directed by Pastor Firo Baez. Education is offered for students ranging from preschool through high school and is the newest school to be affiliated with SRI.

Jim Smith School: Principal Angela German Acosta directs this school located in El Rosario. This school provides for students in preschool through fourth grade, and is named after SRI’s first American missionaries, Jim and Dorine Smith.

Lamb of God School: Directed by Maria Magdelina Terrero Espinosa, this school is located in Elias Piña near the Haitian border. This school provides education for students in preschool through eighth grade.

Lucille Rupp School: This school is directed by Larys Mateo and is located in the heart of San Juan de la Maguana. Classes are offered for students aging from preschool through high school.

Student Sponsorship by School
Thank You!

The Student Sponsorship Program is improving, but the current state of the Dominican economy has presented our schools with many needs. Join with us as we assist in providing the best education possible for these children by helping us meet our goals.

**Total Students at 6 SRI Schools:** 2,565  
**Total Students Sponsored:** 951 (37%)  
**December 2014 Sponsorship Goal:** 1,282 (50%)  
**Long Term Sponsorship Goal:** 2,565 (100%)

The gift of education changes lives and helps bring children out of poverty by providing hope, opportunity, and knowledge for a lifetime. The Christian schools of SRI offer an excellent education in a Christ-centered environment, providing students with skills to create a future of success. You can change the life of a student today by starting your sponsorship of just $26 a month.

SRI is working hard to make sure student sponsors receive frequent, meaningful, and accurate information regarding their student(s). This year, we sent out handwritten student letters and new school pictures along with magnetic picture frames to make them easier to display. Sponsors also receive an end-of-year report and thank you letter from school principals.

According to a study by *Christianity Today*, sponsorship makes children 27 to 40 percent more likely to complete secondary school and 50 to 80 percent more likely to complete a university education. We are thankful for the hope our student sponsors provide.

“We would like to sincerely thank you for the effort that you have made to sponsor one or more of our students. You, as a sponsor, have been able to help fill a need in a way that will last a lifetime. For a child that lives in poverty, it is very significant to know that someone cares about you.”  
– Lissette Terrero, Principal of the CCED School

Current State of the Sponsorship Program

**Student Sponsorship Goals**

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The Child Nutrition Program provides healthcare and improved nutrition for infants and children, along with health education and a literacy program for their mothers or caretakers. This life-saving program is in need of continued funding in order to better serve those enrolled and to promote further growth. Currently, there are 110 children enrolled. **At just $45 a month, you can make a huge difference in the life of one of these children by covering the cost of milk, vitamins, medical testing, and treatment.**

Solid Rock International has teamed up with the Physical Therapy Department from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois to offer developmental screening for children in the Child Nutrition Program, as malnourished children are often at the greatest risk for developmental delays. The students from Bradley identify these delays early, in hopes that they can prevent them from becoming major issues in the future.

Solid Rock held its first annual Rice and Beans Challenge, encouraging people to eat rice and beans for a week and donating money saved on food expenses to the CNP. As a result, SRI supporters raised $6,215.38. The second annual Rice and Beans Challenge will take place September 15-21, 2013, with a goal of raising $10,000 for the CNP.

I have been telling family and friends the benefits of this challenge, with hopes they will experience it and it will have similar impacts in their lives. It is sad to think about all the money that we spend, when others live on so much less and are struggling just for food.

– R&B Challenge Participant
In the Dominican Republic, tap water is not recommended to be used for drinking as it can carry harmful bacteria and parasites. Clean drinking water must be purchased and extra precautions should be taken when cooking and cleaning.

Solid Rock International has partnered with First Presbyterian Church of Nashville, Tennessee to install a clean water dispensing station at the CCED school in San Juan.

The system being installed has been developed by Living Waters for the World, whose focus is not only to provide clean drinking water, but also to educate the community. Students will grow up seeing firsthand how the system works as teachers emphasize the importance of proper hygiene and drinking only purified water.

Construction of the clean water dispensing station began in April of 2012. We were blessed by the work of teams from First Presbyterian Church of Nashville, Tennessee, Second Presbyterian Church of Roanoke, Virginia and a construction team from northern Indiana. In April 2013, the building was completed and a clean water training team assisted in the education component.

The station, functioning as a small business, will provide water to the community at a fair price with profits going to the CCED school.

The system has been finished and is awaiting public health approval before the school begins distribution.

We pray that the provision of clean water and continued education through the school will continue to improve the quality of life in the future for this neighborhood.
“Transforming the body, mind, and soul…”

Through the various Solid Rock programs, staff and volunteers are able to share the love of Jesus through practical acts of service.

“To make sure that our patients know that their joy, their peace and their healing comes not from medications or wealth but from a loving Savior who has called them by name and redeemed them as His own. A Savior who will provide hope, comfort and joy…”

– Medical student from Virginia

Global Leadership Summit in San Juan

Solid Rock International is working with Dominican church leaders to bring the Willow Creek Global Leadership Summit back to San Juan de la Maguana for a second year! Every seat was full as 455 attendees and 63 volunteers participated in the inspiring conference in December 2012. Those in attendance came from the areas of San Juan, El Cercado, Elias Piña, and Santo Domingo.

Vacation Bible School

The Solid Rock staff in the Dominican Republic have carefully considered how to help teams make Vacation Bible School more effective. Subsequently, they have implemented more planning time for the team at the beginning of the week and increased the number of translators.

In addition, they have handed off some of the leadership responsibilities to Mauvelin, a dynamic Christian Dominican leader who has helped create more structure, organization, and coherency. As a result of these changes, team members feel more engaged and prepared to proclaim the gospel to the children that eagerly attend each week.

“The Global Leadership Summit was an event that glorified the name of God… I am joyful to know that all those present felt motivated to return for next year and bring other people from their teams to the 2013 Global Leadership Summit. We bless the ministry of Solid Rock International for your support in assuring that this event arrived to our region…”

– Pastor Emmanuel Perez Adames
### Statement of Financial Condition

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### Statement of Activities

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| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS          | $517,117     | $47,298      | 4.5%         |
“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the wind blew and beat against the house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.” –Matthew 7:24-25