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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In May of this year Solid Rock International lost another of its founders, Dorine Smith. You will find a tribute to Dorine and Jim Smith on the right side of this page.

Ground breaking for a new hospital to serve all residents of San Juan de la Maguana took place in November 2014. Many board members and early supporters, including members of the Smith family and Dr. Diller, were able to travel to San Juan for the momentous event. As of June 30, we have raised more than $2,247,000 toward the $3 million needed to build and equip the clinic.

Ministry and education continue to be an important part of the Solid Rock plan. Evangelism and student sponsorship are very strong programs and continue to become stronger.

The health ministry continues to do new and innovative work with the first paramedic training program taking place this past summer. The paramedic program included workers from SRI and local areas. The Child Nutrition Program continues to flourish.

The backbone of the organization is the young energetic staff headed by Joe and Shannon Zimmerman. American missionaries serve as guest house hosts, nurses, child nutrition administrators, construction supervisors, accountants and a host of other jobs.

God has richly blessed the entire Solid Rock International family and for that we are eternally grateful.

Patricia K. Tatham, President

“...so many people have served and given. Because of them, many have come to a saving knowledge of Christ, physical problems have been solved, children are educated, and we believe God has been glorified.” – Dorine Smith from her book *New Mercies*

Dorine Smith, founder of Solid Rock Missions (now Solid Rock International), went home to her heavenly Father on May 11, 2015 while living at Fairlawn Nursing Care in Archbold, Ohio.

She was born in 1926, the second of seven children and was married to Jim Smith on December 21, 1946. They became a Lord-led team from the beginning of their marriage serving faithfully in a church in Midland, Michigan while raising six children. They felt called into Christian camping ministry in 1969, serving at both Camp Barakel and Miracle Camp.

At the age of 52, Dorine and Jim took part in a short-term mission project in the Dominican Republic. Upon returning, they realized God wanted them to serve there on a full-time basis so they attended language school in preparation for their next 20 years in ministry work in the DR.

They laid a Christ-centered foundation for Solid Rock International and their legacy has touched countless lives of both Americans and Dominicans.
The SRI Mission Experience

“Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” – 1 Corinthians 15:58

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. The only requirements are a willing heart for service and a lot of flexibility!

In addition to what is shown in the graph on the next page, our teams have worked in a variety of other areas including: ministry leadership, health education, and long-term planning. SRI American Missionaries (pictured on the next page) and Dominican Staff (pictured to the left) work hard to provide a warm and inviting place for the teams to stay and serve.

SRI has been hosting missions teams for more than 25 years. Countless lives have been blessed through the teams’ dedicated time and generous donations. However, any team member will tell you that a SRI mission trip doesn’t come without its own personal blessing. Making new friends, experiencing a new culture, and seeing a different lifestyle have a remarkable impact as volunteers reflect and discover how God is guiding them in their own lives.

SRI would like to say thank you to every person who has served with us over the past year. Our volunteers, and the skills and resources they are willing to share, compose the heart and soul of our ministries. SRI could not function without you. We are so grateful for your dedication and sacrifice as you have truly made a difference!
This past year began with SRI construction teams working to build a third story on a portion of the Lucille Rupp School. This floor will have additional classrooms to accommodate the growing number of students and is now to a point where it will be finished by the school and church.

Construction teams have now transitioned to working on the REVOLUTION project. Since January, teams have built a kitchen, dining room, office, storage facility, bathrooms, security wall, and much more for the project. Thank you to all of the construction teams who have played a part in these valuable projects.

“I left a portion of my heart and life back in the DR…This was a life changing and spirit affirming mission trip.” – Team Member

The mortality rate from breast cancer in the Dominican Republic is much higher than in the United States due to limited knowledge of early detection methods and lack of mammography services. Laurie Camper, a professor at Ohio Northern University, and a group of volunteers led a training for Dominican health promoters about breast self-exams so that the village representatives could return to their communities and teach others about early detection!
Construction Begins

The Christian Clinic for Integrated Health has been serving the San Juan region since 1989 and is in desperate need of a new facility. In 1998, Hurricane George left it damaged beyond repair and while the clinic has continued to serve the area, insurance cannot be accepted due to the building’s condition. SRI is helping to build a REVOLUTIONARY new clinic that, in the name of Christ, will continue to provide excellent health care for the poor who would otherwise not receive it.

This past year, SRI supporters gave generously to help us reach a healthy financial state to begin construction. On November 18, 2015, the Groundbreaking Ceremony and 25th Anniversary Celebration took place on the new clinic land. People came from near and far to attend the momentous occasion in SRI history. That same week, the French drain was installed to help dry the land in preparation for construction. Land preparation continued into early 2015 with topsoil being stripped, followed by the fill and compaction process to raise the site to the correct elevation and quality. 3,025 dump trucks of fill were harvested from a nearby mine and compacted in seven 30 cm “lifts” to raise the land 2.1 meters and make a solid base for the new clinic and parking lot. Currently, details and logistics are being arranged so that the foundation work can begin in late Summer 2015.

Thank you so much to all who have been involved by praying, serving, and giving to this exciting project!

Plans for the Future

The graph represents funding as of 6/30/15. For the most up-to-date totals, visit revolution.solidrockinternational.org.

Cash & Pledges
- Received: $2,247,339
- Need: $752,661

Total Budget: $3,000,000
As the new clinic begins to take shape, it is vitally important to use each donated dollar wisely. For this reason, SRI has appointed Ken Potter as Construction Manager and Frank Beltre as Financial Manager.

Ken, a contractor from Roanoke, Virginia, is using his expertise to oversee the building decisions. Frank is originally from San Juan and worked as an administrator in the Christian Clinic. Both men have experience serving on SRI’s Board of Directors and have invested their lives in God’s work in the Dominican Republic.

Construction teams are in high demand as we continue to make progress on the land. No prior experience necessary, there is work for all! Please contact us to lead or join a team! Finances are also still needed to complete the project budget. If you feel led to contribute or extend your initial pledge to the project we would greatly appreciate your support. Lastly, please share the project with others and pray for God’s blessing. We all form a unique team and this could not be done without the work, contributions, and prayers of many. Thank you for all you have done!

“I close my eyes and thank God for the people HE has sent to serve with us in this endeavor. It’s on those nights that I find true rest...knowing (THANK GOD!), that I am not in control.” – Jeff Bucher, Construction Project Coordinator
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.
The aim of the REVOLUTION Campaign is not simply to construct a new building. It is to provide healthcare in the name of Jesus for those who need it most. In the Dominican Republic, an emergency response system is virtually non-existent. As a result, SRI hosted the first ever Paramedic Education Program (PEP)!

Classroom education was taught by volunteers Michael Trompak, Nick Maxwell, Bill Neiss, and a host of others with the help of SRI translators. On the first day, SRI Pastor Enol led the group in a devotional. He preached about the account of Jesus healing the paralyzed man. Four men carried the paralyzed man on a stretcher and lowered him through the roof of a crowded house. When Jesus saw their faith, he forgave the paralyzed man of his sins and completely healed him. Pastor Enol preached to the PEP students that these four men were in essence the first paramedics in the Bible!

This past year, SRI hosted 28 barrio clinic teams (outpatient clinics in remote locations) and 22 surgical and medical teams who worked with the Christian Clinic for Integrated Health. The surgical teams worked in the areas of general surgery, plastic surgery, ENT, orthopedics, GYN, and UROGYN. Aside from surgical teams, volunteers also served with the clinic in the areas of physical therapy, chiropractic care, and prosthetics.

In an effort to better equip our Dominican medical staff for the future opening of the REVOLUTION, as well as raise overall healthcare levels in San Juan and its surrounding area, we are continuing to emphasize medical education and training in identified areas of need. This year SRI volunteers worked in collaboration with the clinic, additional private clinics, and local public hospitals to lead training sessions on CPR, breast cancer screening, and paramedic training.

Thank you to all who were involved to make these barrio clinic, medical education, and surgical teams a success this past year!
**Sponsored Schools**

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

**CCIE (Christian Center for Integrated Education):** Directed by Pastor Morales Ogando and Carlos Ogando, the CCIE school is located in El Cercado next to SRI’s second clinic. It provides education for children in preschool through grade six.

**Eastern Evangelical School:** Located in the capital city of Santo Domingo, this school is directed by Ramona Luna and offers preschool through 12th grade.

**Lamb of God School:** Directed by Ricardo Manuel Alcantara, 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 from preschool through 12th grade.

**Student Sponsorship by School**

![Bar chart showing sponsored and not sponsored schools.

- **CCED**: Sponsored
- **CCIE**: Not Sponsored
- **Eastern**: Not Sponsored
- **Lamb of God**: Not Sponsored
- **Lucille Rupp**: Not Sponsored]
Thank You!

Student Sponsorship Goals

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 5 SRI Schools: 2,783
Total Students Sponsored: 1,026 (37%)
July 2016 Sponsorship Goal: 1,391 (50%)
Long-Term Sponsorship Goal: 2,783 (100%)

Student Sponsorship – What You Give and What You Receive

The gift of education changes lives and helps bring children out of poverty by providing hope, opportunity, and knowledge that will last a lifetime. The Christian schools sponsored by 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 $30 a month.

SRI is working hard to make sure student sponsors receive frequent, meaningful, and accurate information regarding their student(s). In January, we sent out handwritten student letters and new school pictures. In July, sponsors also receive an end-of-year report and thank you letter from school principals.

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” – Matthew 19:14

Current State of the Sponsorship Program

Student Sponsorship – What You Give and What You Receive
CNP Pledges Needed in Order to Meet Basic Needs

The CNP provides healthcare and improved nutrition for children, along with health education and a literacy program for their caretakers. This life-saving program is in need of continued funding in order to better serve 100+ 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.

- Individual Pledges - 29
- Group Pledges - 31
- Needed Pledges - 20

A New Partnership

This fall, SRI joined with the Amway Corporation in their Power of 5 Campaign. Amway is a multi-billion dollar corporation from Grand Rapids, Michigan, that primarily sells health, beauty, and home products. Amway started the Power of 5 Campaign to address malnutrition and developmental delays in children prior to their fifth birthday. Amway has partnered financially with SRI and will also provide Nutrilite Little Bits, the first and only micronutrient supplement for malnutrition enhanced with plant nutrients.

In November, a group from Amway Dominicana visited the clinic at El Cercado to meet with the CNP staff. SRI Missionary, Laura Demastus Rodriguez, has spent many hours writing proposals and follow-up reports, as well as helping track the progress of the children in the program. We are honored and excited to be a part of such a great partnership that will make a difference for countless lives in the Dominican Republic!

Third Annual Rice and Beans Challenge

SRI held the third annual Rice and Beans Challenge, encouraging people to eat rice and beans for a week or hold an awareness feast and donate money saved on food expenses or proceeds to the CNP. As a result, SRI supporters raised a total of $5,797.50, surpassing last year’s total. This year’s Rice and Beans Challenge will take place September 13-19, 2015!

Introducing Dr. Jazmin Cruz Puello

Dr. Jazmin Cruz Puello is the new attending physician at the El Cercado clinic and oversees the CNP. She is a native of El Cercado and sees patients both in the clinic and in home visits. She has increased health education for the CNP families by planning and leading activities that promote healthy living.
Overview of the Clean Water Program

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.

SRI has partnered with First Presbyterian Church of Nashville, Tennessee and Second Presbyterian Church of Roanoke, Virginia, to install a clean water dispensing station at the CCED School in San Juan.

The system 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.

The Update

During the past year, the system has undergone some management changes and the future of the Clean Water Program is bright. A business plan was recently provided by CCED School leadership that includes budgeting for a transportation solution that will make the water more accessible. We are also glad to have new staff from the CCED School trained by Living Waters for the World on water distribution and maintenance of the system. Shortly, the new approval from Public Health will be received so operations can resume in the fall.

The CCED School is excited to begin selling the water at a fair price and teaching the students about the importance of clean water. Thank you to all who played a role in supporting this life-giving initiative! Clean water is a clear picture of Jesus, the Water of Life - refreshing, purifying, and necessary.
Vacation Bible School

This year, SRI staff and board members created a Vacation Bible School handbook to be used by teams. The goal of this handbook is to provide planning materials, song ideas, and craft instructions so that the teams can prepare prior to their arrival in San Juan.

SRI’s Dominican translators and staff also play an integral role in the Vacation Bible School as they assist in teaching Bible lessons and bridge the cultural gap between the Dominican children and the North American teams.

Physical and Spiritual Care

The *barrio* medical clinics are a unique opportunity to serve people both physically and spiritually. Pastor Enol and SRI translators share the gospel and pray with those who come for medical care.

“There are miracles happening around us, there is redemption happening around us, and we have a front row seat.” – Kari Straley, SRI Missionary

Effective Ministry Conference

In October, pastors, teachers, and business leaders throughout the San Juan area came together for a two day Effective Ministry Conference. This event was sponsored by SRI and Pine Hills Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana. It was hosted by Central Mennonite Church. The sessions included a time of worship and teaching by both Dominican and American pastors. It was an uplifting and significant time for the 150 who attended!

“Transforming the body, mind, and *soul*...”
### Solid Rock International – Financial Reports as of June 30, 2015

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#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

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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