2015-2016 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) first began 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 has been focused on transforming the body, mind, and soul of the poor in the Dominican Republic for over twenty years. These years have been filled with growth, change, and forward progress, and this past year is a perfect example of continued growth and dedicated service.

The most significant growth has been that of the new clinic itself. The foundation is complete, and the walls are going up at a rapid pace. Plans have been modified along the way as government or service-related requirements have evolved. We have also made some corresponding adjustments to the structure of the construction team, and under the steady leadership of Ken Potter, we are positioned to maintain our forward progress with an aggressive schedule. We look forward to our Fall U.S. Tour, led by Ken, to visit many of our sponsors with an update on the clinic and the REVOLUTION campaign.

Dan & Kari Straley, after five years as Guesthouse Hosts, have completed a six month sabbatical, and are now ready for their new role as Team Ministry Coordinators. Our new Hosts, Phillip & Taylor VerBerkmoes, will arrive in San Juan this Fall. Jeff and Kamanda Bucher have completed three years of amazing service to Solid Rock and the community. We wish all of them the best.

Meanwhile, our programs continue to flourish. The existing clinic provides needed care for hundreds, with the support of visiting surgical and barrio clinic teams. The Child Nutrition and Student Scholarship programs help many of our Dominican youth to grow and develop, and to receive high quality, Christian-based education at our five schools.

Volunteers are of course vital to the success of our programs. This year, for the first time, we had over 1,000 volunteers staying at the guesthouse and providing crucial construction and ministry service. All of this work, change, and growth moves forward under the leadership of Joe and Shannon Zimmerman, along with our American missionary team, and our incredible Dominican staff.

God has provided Solid Rock with amazing personnel, volunteers, and leadership. We are honored to be a part of this work and for the fellowship of all those involved. Thank you and God Bless.

Mike Crout, President

Charity Navigator

We are thrilled to share our outstanding ratings from Charity Navigator, America’s largest and most-utilized independent evaluator of charities. For the fourth year in a row, we have received the highest rating of 4/4 stars. Only 9% of charities can boast such a high rating for four years in a row!

As of this spring, we were ranked number 47 overall out of 8,365 charities. Take a look at the information on the left to see one of the Top Ten Lists that included Solid Rock International. In this list, we were ranked #5 under “Charities Worth Watching.”

None of this would be possible without YOU, our great team of supporters!
The SRI Mission Experience

“Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.” –Psalm 96:3

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, teacher development, missionary support, 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!
In March, SRI hosted a new type of team at the guesthouse – the D.R.E.A.M. team! The D.R.E.A.M. (Dominican Republic Education Awareness Mission) team was a group of 14 educators from Alhambra Elementary School District near Phoenix, Arizona. Theresa Killingsworth, an administrator at the school, had traveled previously with SRI and decided to return with a group of co-workers to host professional development opportunities for the teachers and administration in SRI’s partner schools.

Throughout the week, the team split into two groups and visited different SRI sponsored Christian schools to observe. After observation, they were able to lead a teacher workshop at both the CCIE School in El Cercado and the CCED School in San Juan. During these times, they taught about classroom management and student engagement.

“I had such a great experience with Solid Rock and can’t wait to go back sometime again…This trip helped me grow so much in my faith and really made me feel like God is calling me to something more in my life as I come upon graduation.” – SRI Volunteer
Construction Continues

The Christian Clinic of 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 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.

A lot has happened in the past year! Land preparation was finished by July 2015 and it was time to move forward with construction of the facility itself. The next step was framing and pouring of the *platea*, the special earthquake-safe base on which the foundation sits. The *platea*, containing a skeleton of 120 miles of rebar, was ready to go in September 2015. The “Big Pour” began on December 10, 2015, and was finished 63.5 uninterrupted hours later. It included 198 truckloads consisting of 1,200 cubic meters of concrete. By January 2016, the first blocks of the foundation were laid and the outline of the walls could be seen. There was then a fill and compaction phase for the foundation that started in February 2016. Then in June 2016, the walls began to rise! By the end of the fiscal year, 70,000 blocks were on the worksite, with most of them residing in facility walls.

Thank you so much to all who have been involved by praying, serving, and giving to this exciting project! Your past, current, and future faithfulness continues to make a significant difference in the lives of the needy in the Dominican Republic.

We Are Thankful For Our Volunteers

SRI volunteers working on the project have come from all across the United States and Canada with a variety of ages and experience. In the past year, 35 teams have been involved with construction working mainly on the security wall and other side projects related to the facility. At this point, the west wall is complete and the south wall is two thirds of the way done. All are invited to get this unique hands-on experience with the REVOLUTION. Please consider leading or joining a team this year!
Your pledge and donations show that you believe in the REVOLUTION and trust SRI to effectively manage your funds. We are so grateful for all who have financially supported the project and understand that it requires a personal sacrifice. Ken Potter and Frank Beltre are working hard to ensure that your dollars are used responsibly and stretched as far as possible. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to serve by overseeing project construction and finances.

“Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them…Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.” – Romans 12:11-12, NLT

*The graph to the right represents funding as of 6/30/16 compared to the original budget. For the most up-to-date information, visit revolution.solidrockinternational.org.
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.
This past year, SRI hosted 28 *barrio* clinic teams (outpatient clinics in remote locations) and 23 surgical and medical teams who worked with the Christian Clinic for Integrated Health. The surgical teams worked in the areas of ENT, orthopedics, hand surgery, general surgery, pediatric general surgery, plastic surgery, GYN, and UROGYN. Aside from surgical teams, volunteers also served with the clinic in the areas of physical therapy, chiropractic care, and dental care.

In an effort to equip our Dominican medical staff for the future opening of the REVOLUTION as well as raise overall healthcare levels in San Juan, medical education and training continues to be emphasized. This year, SRI volunteers worked with the Christian Clinic, other private clinics, and public hospitals to lead training sessions on neonatal resuscitation, ACLS, use of ventilators, and CPR. Thank you to all who were involved in these *barrio* clinic, medical, and surgical teams this year!

“The therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience... And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” – Colossians 3:12,17
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.
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: 2,735  
Total Students Sponsored: 1,002 (37%)  
July 2017 Sponsorship Goal: 1,367 (50%)  
Long-Term Sponsorship Goal: 2,735 (100%)

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.

“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” – Proverbs 22:6
The CNP provides healthcare and improved nutrition for children, along with health education and a literacy program for their mothers or caretakers. A group of supporters have committed to either a monthly, quarterly, or annual pledge in partnership with SRI to aid these families. This life-saving program is in need of continued funding in order to better serve 100+ 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.

SRI held the fourth annual Rice and Beans Challenge, encouraging people to eat rice and beans for a week and donate money saved on food expenses to help SRI purchase a new truck for the CNP. As a result, SRI supporters raised a record total of $22,116, which was enough for a truck! This year’s Rice & Beans Challenge is August 21-27, 2016!

This is the second year that Amway and SRI teamed up to support children in the CNP. 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. Amway Dominicana also threw a Christmas party for the children and families enrolled in the program.
Overview of the Clean Water Program

In the Dominican Republic, tap water is not recommended 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.

The SRI clean water system installed at the CCED School in San Juan 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.

"Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." – John 4:14

The Update

Currently the clean water system is up and running five days a week. The water is sold to local families, clinics, churches, and schools. In addition, some local grocery stores are purchasing the water at wholesale costs to sell themselves. This past year, with the help of generous donors, SRI was able to purchase a motorcycle to assist in distribution.

The system is producing clean and safe water and was approved by Public Health last December. The water, however, has a hard taste which has impacted the appeal of the system to the community. SRI continues to work with the CCED School to work through this challenge and best utilize this resource.

We are thankful 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 volunteers used the VBS handbook for the third year. 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 and be as effective as possible in their ministry during their time in San Juan.

Several of SRI’s Dominican translators also play an integral role in the VBS effectiveness, helping to teach Bible lessons and bridge the cultural gap between the Dominican children and the North American teams.

Global Leadership Summit

In November, pastors, teachers, and business leaders throughout the San Juan area came together for the Global Leadership Summit, a well-known conference put on by Willow Creek Church. It included a time of worship and teaching for people of all ages. In fact, a third of the attendees were younger than 35 years old.

SRI partnered with other organizations and individuals to provide general funding for the GLS as well as scholarships for 212 of the 390 attendees. The GLS is offered in 125 countries around the world with over 300,000 in attendance. SRI was grateful to be involved in bringing this life-changing conference to San Juan.

“I’ve seen Dominicans come to Jesus…but I’ve also seen a whole lot of Dominicans demonstrating Jesus to US, to ME, and to other DOMINICANS.”

– Nicole Eby, SRI Missionary
### Fiscal Year 2016 - Expenses

#### Net Expenses as a % of Revenue
- Ministry - 55.3%
- REVOLUTION - 35.5%
- Administrative - 7.1%
- Fundraising - 2.1%

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

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| **TOTAL EXPENSES**                          | **$2,000,614**| **$1,672,545**| 109.1%

| Change in Net Assets                        | -$379,921    | -$140,015    | -23.4% | -9.1% |
“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