

Dear friends and family in support of our DR mission trip,

Once razed to the ground by fire, we delight to see a building raised up in its place—and knowing we've had a

hand in it—that fascinates the little boy (or girl) in each of us! Such building inspires awe and draws a crowd every time.

With all the helping hands — **Kevin, Jeff, Lynn, Doug, Doug, Femi, Codi** (inset, with trowel "slinging mud"), I (Dietrich) see more progress on this home in 3 days than any previous worksite.



What a contrast with our Bible study in Joshua, where God's people are breaking down walls of fortified cities and burning homes to the ground!

Our brief study in Joshua does not get as far as the "battle of Jericho" (chapter 6); but hey, it took the Israelites 40+ years to take necessary steps to "crossover" and build enough faith and trust in God. So also it will

take these teens a few years to catch on and catch up to Joshua.

To begin that journey of faith.... That's our goal today, as **Nathan** (a veteran translator & Bible student, at left) takes over from yours truly. He keeps the teens in rapt attention with a "break through-the-



resistance-to-the-other-side" exercise (left). Then he tells the story of Joshua 3, so that they listen, turn around, and put "toes in water."

The hugs & touches we get here, we get nowhere else. Case in point is **Dietrich** (left) with Ashley & Josue (=Joshua!). Also, **Femi** (below, left) gets a tiny fist bump. That's Huuuge! These kids soak up all they can from us, even taking time to line up for **Doug** (right) to lift them up. *A mi! A mi!* Many lack a father in the home and suffer serious abandonment issues. "One-on-one" home visits are made possible by **Brennen** (below), a regular Pied Piper who gets attention-seeking kids to march to the beat of a different drum.



Turning tepid teens to face their giants in the Joshua study is not the only miracle of the day; so are craft-making gospel projects that keep 100+ unruly kids glued to their seats. But with knees on floor, as they devote themselves to making paper mobiles that proclaim God's love for the world! Dominicans humbly look to God for their survival and joy. They are eager to pray and welcome us teaching them, as translator **Victor** (below) is doing during VBS. In "facing the giants" by faith (ala the movie, also in Joshua), we grow.



Thursday is a softball game in town and we bid farewell. Friday is free & we pack for home by Sat. *Adios,... Amigo!*