

HELPING THOSE WE WILL NEVER MEET

The Week of October 22nd, 2012 – Palmar Arriba in the Dominican Republic

Mission Trip October 2012: During the week of October 22nd, a group that included several from LaBudde Group went to Palmar Arriba in the Dominican Republic to help with a wide variety of needs. While we were working about 50 miles from Haiti, (which got pounded pretty hard by Hurricane Sandy) we had the opportunity on some days to work through 50mph winds and down pouring rain. But we kept working as we knew we only had the week to accomplish our mission. And accomplish it we did! One unexpected pleasurable task, which might have embarrassed him, was playing the role of Santa. One of the little girls in the town asked Nela (who served as our translator) if she could get her picture taken with Santa Claus. Turns out that she thought Pat Kirk, with his light-colored hair and full beard, was Santa Claus. Later in the week, we were able to find a Santa hat, bought a couple of big bags of candy and Pat was Santa to many of the kids in the village. Amazingly, while we were standing further up the hill, we watched dozens of kids literally within seconds running up the street to greet Santa.

IT WAS A GREAT WEEK WITH GREAT PEOPLE HELPING MANY WE WILL LIKELY NEVER MEET!

- Richard T. Erickson

LaBudde Employees On The Trip:

- Joe Pomeroy & Brenda Lounsbury (Akron, MI Facility)
- Pat Kirk (Murtaugh, ID Facility)
- Rich Erickson, Mary Sciascia & Nela Deutmeyer (Grafton, WI Office)

Tasks We Accomplished:

- Relationship Building
- Painting
- Road Building
- Welding
- Plumbing Repair
- Generator Repair
- Tree Planting
- Putting in Irrigation Lines
- Fertilizer Hauling & Application
- Good Old Fashion Hard Labor!

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