



BBC Missions Committee

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In February 2009, under the umbrella of both Partners In Deed and in cooperation with Varsity Bible Church, Colleen went from BBC on a short term mission trip with 24 others to a barrio or ghetto called Maria Auxiliadora, near the city of La Vega in the Dominican Republic.



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The team of 25 helped the on-the-ground leaders from T.E.A.R.S. ministries, to help co-ordinate a camp for students in K to grade 4. During their time at camp, the students enjoyed activities including crafts, sports, pool time, bible stories and worship.



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One of the highlights at camp for Colleen was being assigned to a group of 9 *precious* grade 2 girls and their leaders.

Accompanying Colleen on her trip was a suitcase filled with beanie babies, and much needed baby blankets and quilts, cloth diapers and medicines that were generously donated from members at BBC.



During Colleen's week in the DR, she met with many of dedicated and enthusiastic T.E.A.R.S. ministry staff. Their Christ-like love, faith, perseverance and compassion was evident in everything they did. "I was fortunate and blessed to also spend some time with Pastor Hector and his wife Diane, who minister to their Haitian community in another barrio called Soto, nearby." BBC is now raising funds to provide the people of Soto with fresh drinking water.

"As I met and visited with some of the Dominican and Haitian families, I was humbled by their faith and meekness. Because of this incredible experience, my view on mission trips changed from focusing on a particular task to building relationships. One can't help but be inspired and motivated by these humble and resilient Christians living in such difficult circumstances."



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BBC works through many other viable and important faith-based charitable groups in and around the world. If you'd like to know more, we invite you to visit our entire missions' web site www.bonavistabaptist.com and see how others are making a difference in the lives of so many others.