



Greetings from Connie August - October 2013

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Great Changes in Bombita

The new president of the Dominican Republic is doing great things in the neediest areas of the country. His method is to make a surprise visit on a Sunday, walk through the community speaking with the people and making mental notes of what they need. As soon as he leaves, he passes this information on and things begin to happen. Thanks to God, Bombita received one of these surprise visits and almost immediately, things began to change for the better. New paved roads, drainage system (still under process), more latrines, a new basketball court, new street signage, new subdivision, new secondary school (under process), new baseball field (under construction), and a \$24,000,000 peso contract for construction on the COPA school!

All construction work is being done by local workers so this in turn helps the local economy. This contributed to the successful start of a new school year with all the children dressed in their uniforms and new shoes!



New Street Sign

Evangelical Church of La Hoya

Knowing how important it is to feed those who are feeding others, we held a retreat with our young leaders of the church. They do so much to evangelize their community so it is important to make sure they are receiving their own spiritual nourishment.

New Basketball Court



New school construction



Vacation Bible School

We are very thankful to Brandon First UMC which left us unused art supplies from the camp which

helped us provide art projects for our VBS. We don't have the availability to buy much art supplies here in Barahona so we love left-overs from teams!



One of our stories was about the importance of using the full armor of God. Of course, we had to improvise (notice the bowl for the helmet!) but the children loved it and hopefully learned from it.



The other story was about the lost sheep. Here you see our sheep in their sheepfold waiting while the good shepherd looked for the lost one!



Here the children are actively participating in their own worship service.

International Day of Peace

Apparently Yaraidy had her themes mixed up thinking we were talking about going to war against the enemy so came prepared to get us in 'shape.' Diego had to explain we were celebrating the Int'l Day of Peace.



A drama was performed during our **spiritual fasting and prayer retreat** (5 AM to 10 AM Saturday morning). Here you see missionaries sharing the gospel with an unreached people's tribe. They are so creative with our limited resources. Notice the masking tape for face painting!



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