

Greetings from Connie

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Dream Ministries Western North Carolina Conference



It is always a special time for us when this precious team comes to Barahona each year. It is an amazing group of doctors, nurses, students and their support team. They do surgeries in the local hospital that serves the neediest and do medical clinics in the rural areas where people often do not have access to medical care.

It is an honor to be able to help with translation and logistics for them and sometimes I even get to hold a child who is just waking up from anesthesia and is afraid.

The week was very difficult for this team when Dr. Mike had to be taken to the capital for emergency eye surgery on Tuesday and on Wednesday news came that a Cindy's husband was killed in a plane crash and she had to return immediately. Yet the team went on to do some 90 surgeries and saw hundreds of patients in the rural villages. "Well done thou good and faithful servants."



Our children and youth worked hard to prepare specials in English for the team members so they would really be ministered to. The girls did a dance to 'Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord.'



Then there was a number by our special dance group done to "Oh, God, you are my God."



Yosi sang his first solo in English singing 'Down on my Knees Again' which is on the CD of Pastor Bob Suter from Crossroads New Church,

Sarasota, Florida. Pastor Suter has helped us by sending us guitars for the youth to learn to play.



At the end of the service, we invited the medical group to come forward and then our church did as well so we could pray for them and their work. It was a very special time.



Newborn Ministry

We continue to visit the local hospital bringing gifts of clothes and other baby supplies to the new mothers. Covenant UMC of High Point, NC continues to help us by providing the baby clothes for this evangelism outreach. The youth pray for each family and give a brief message to them. We know that for many, these are the only clothes they have for their babies.



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The youth did a wonderful drama to the song, "Mary, Did You Know." I was very proud of them and their hard work.