



# La Sagrada Familia

Lenten Mission March 2018

# Sharing Faith and Friendship

**Celebrating  
togetherness with  
our sisters and  
brothers in the  
Dominican  
Republic**

**March 6-13, 2018**



# *The Journey Begins...*



*Please Pray with Our Pilgrims!*





**Planning Visits for the Day**

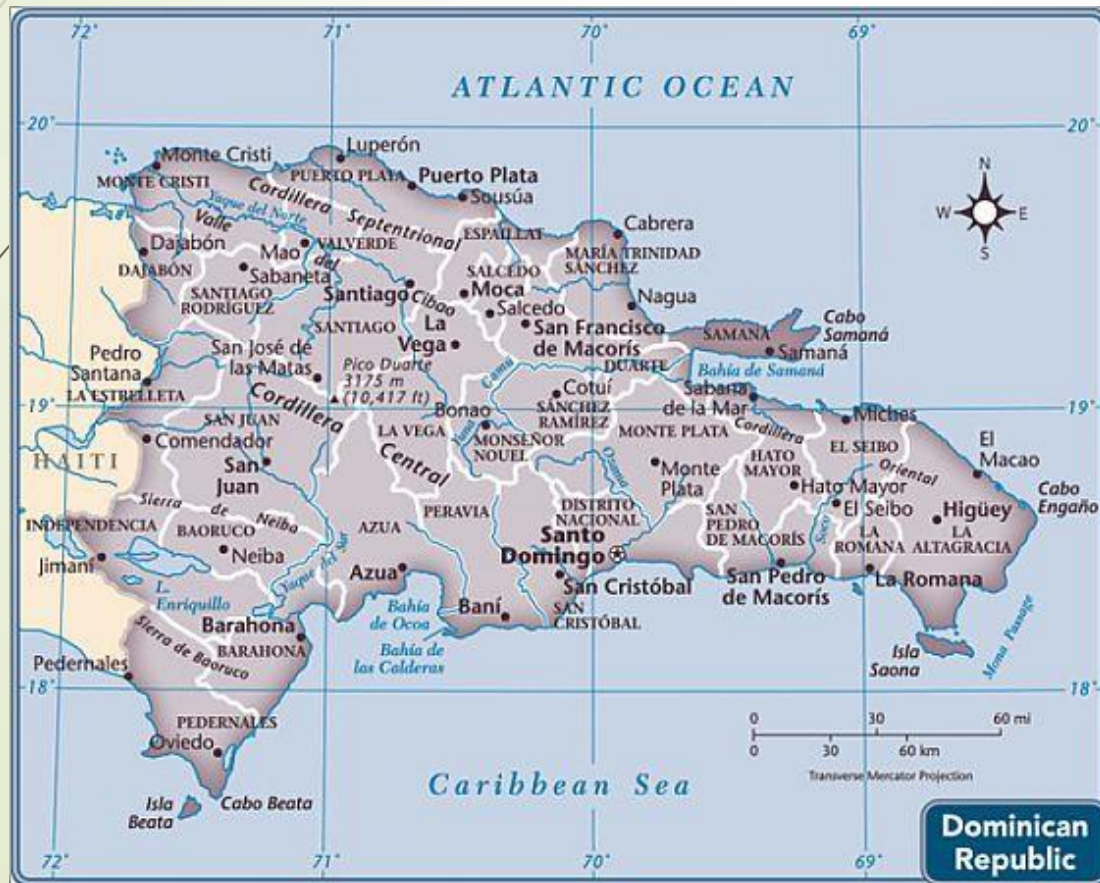


# Fr. Juan Manuel - History Lesson



Mission is where our personal space or territory or turf is opened up to others and where others invite us into their own world.

Anthony Gittins





# Azua Province

## Municipalities

- Azua de Compostela
- Estebanía
- Guayabal
- Las Charcas
- Padre Las Casas
- Peralta
- Pueblo Viejo
- Sabana Yegua
- Tábara Arriba

## Azua

- Barreras
- Barro Arriba
- Clavellina
- Emma Balaguer Viuda Vallejo
- Las Barias-La Estancia
- Las Lomas
- Los Jovillos
- Puerto Viejo





# Municipal Districts

## Sabana Yegua

- [Ganadero](#)
- [Proyecto 2-C](#)
- [Proyecto 4](#)

## Other Districts

- Las Charcas
- Las Yayas de Viajama
- Padre Las Casas
- Pueblo Viejo
- Tábara Arriba

Name	Status	Population Census 2002-10-18	Population Census 2010-12-01
Sabana Yegua	Municipality	19,768	19,020
Ganadero	Municipal District	2,402	2,240
Proyecto 2-C	Municipal District	2,967	2,883
Proyecto 4	Municipal District	4,004	3,584
Sabana Yegua	Municipal Core	10,395	10,313
República Dominicana [Dominican Republic]	Sovereign State	8,562,541	9,445,281

## Subdivision (2010)

The population development in Sabana Yegua as well as related information and services (Wikipedia, Google, images).

**Source:** La Oficina Nacional de Estadística (web), Ministerio de Economía, Planificación y Desarrollo de la República Dominicana (web).

# Visiting the Communities of La Sagrada Familia



- *A pilgrim's Credo*
- *I am not in control.*
- *I am not in a hurry.*
- *I walk in faith and hope.*
- *I bring back only what God gives me.*



# Visiting the water project and surrounding communities.





**Visiting communities. Some of us traveling in the back of a pick up truck. Remember your hats!**





## Water Projects





# Proud Grandpa; Abuelo





## Road to Water Basin









# Village Residents

Family



3 brothers





# Water Reservoir










# Kids from village





# Children in Village of Potential Site for Chapel





Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world, Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

St. Teresa of Avila



# Recycling Project in Sabana Yegua



Photos from Community of St. Paul

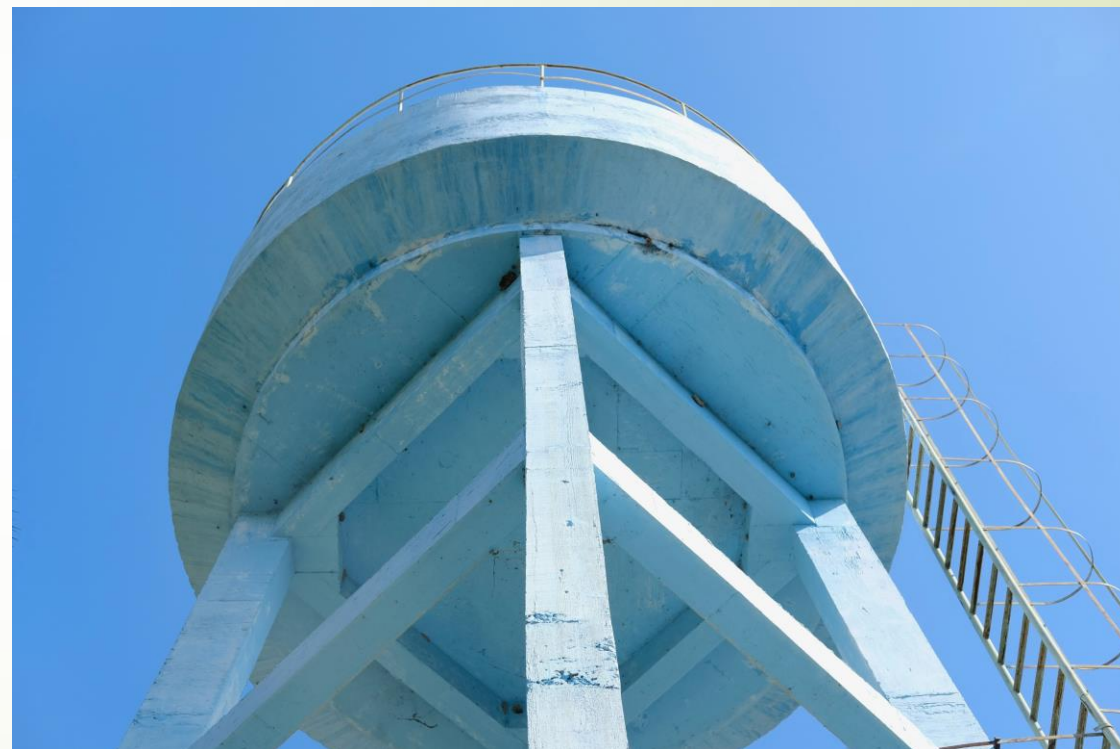
# Recycling Project

**I recycle;  
do you?**





# San Antonio – Km 8





**Fences are built from tree branches and chicken wire**





**Newer homes recently built Km-15 Tabara  
Abajo (west part of Parish)**



One of the  
newer homes  
recently built.





*It Works!*

*Vic using one of  
the latrines the  
Archdiocese  
helped build.*











**No cameras allowed inside Prison (Visited Prison Ministry)**





Heard of goats running past prison



## Walking around the village of Sabana Yegua

*"Our human interdependence...is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and preserving determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say to the good of all and each individual, because we are all really responsible for all". Pope John Paul II*



**Dogs come and go as they please;  
some of them even attend Mass.**





The Cemetery



A butcher on the corner





# **Parish Bakery Cooperative**

## Bakers preparing dough





Bakers preparing bread for baking



Bakers

# Hand rolled dough





Fresh and delicious bread to sell to stores the next morning



## Outside of Parish Bakery

Fr. Juan introducing us  
to lead person at  
Bakery cooperative.





Beauty School at the Community Center



# Trotsky

Fr. Juan says Trotsky is a sinful dog.

Trotsky hangs around the community center, but never goes to Church.

Other dogs do.







**CAPILLA SAGRADO  
CORAZÓN DE JESÚS**  
PARROQUIA LA  
SAGRADA FAMILIA

**Building Sacred Heart of Jesus Chapel**





Tour of Capilla Nuestra  
Our Lady of Mercedes Chapel

## Capilla Nuestra





# Fr. Juan saying Mass at Capilla Sagrado Corazon de Jesus









**Original Chapel of La Sagrada Familia**

# Newly built Chapel at Km 8 San Antonio

Water Tower



The chapels have multiple uses for it's community.





**Visiting Centro Laboral Hijas de Maria in San Cristobal  
Twinning Partner of St. Matthew in Neosho**

## Sr. Carmelle, our host giving us tour of Girls High school








**Antoinette in the Sewing Classroom at the High School**



We were well fed wherever we went.







Those who do not eat alone are  
never hungry. Those who share  
with others always have  
something to eat.

Haitian Proverb



Typical outdoor oven





**Plantains: Dominican Republic diet staple. These are Tostones**



## Rice and Beans

Enough to feed anyone that stops by.



# STATIONS — OF THE — CROSS







**The Sign of the Cross was made on the ground upon arrival at each Station**



# True meaning of accompaniment



*The children  
took turns  
reading the  
scripture at  
each station.*





*On to the next station*



# Hans leading us to the next station









*MC and a her new friend.*

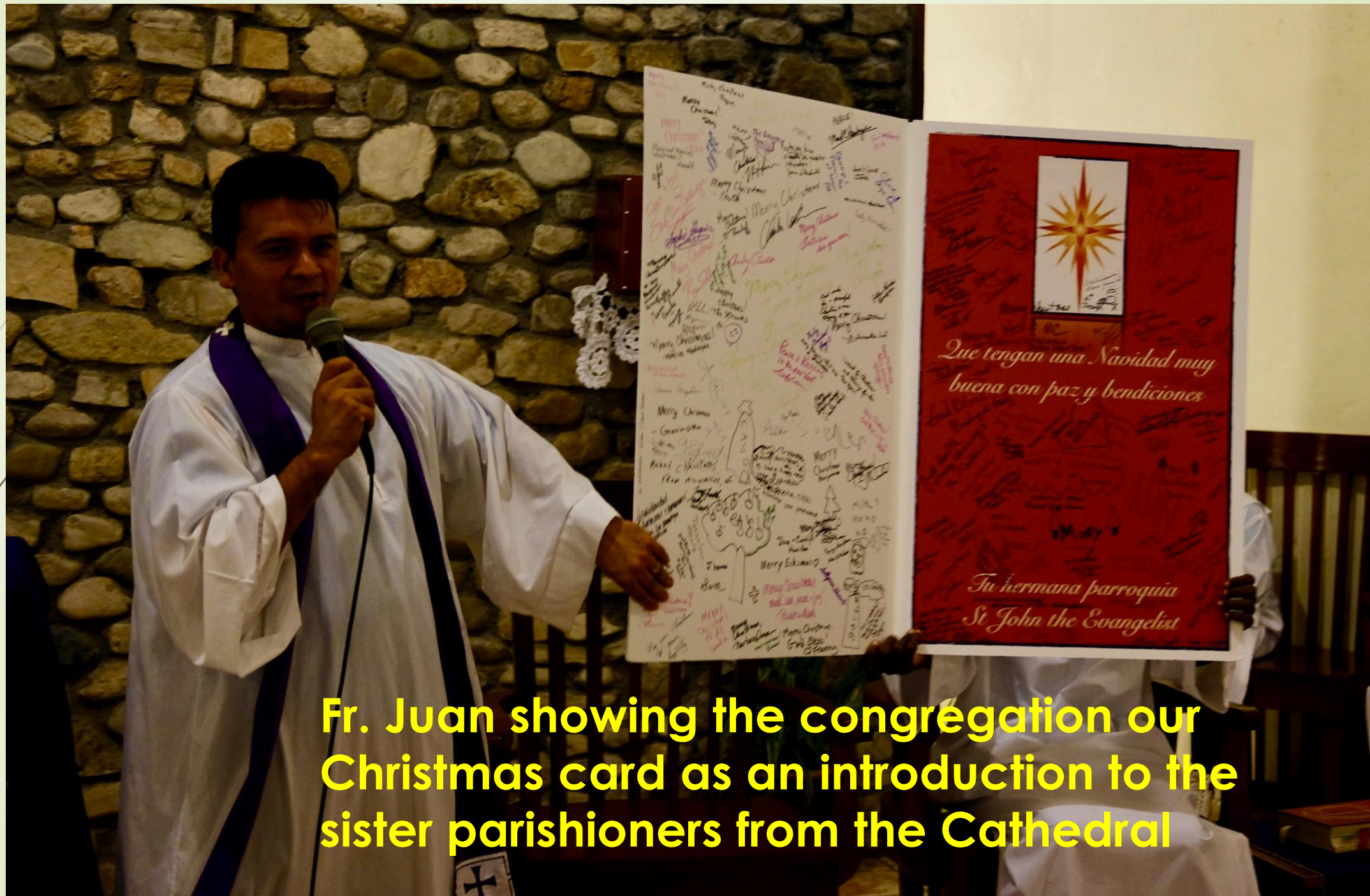




*The children  
seemed to  
gravitate to  
Erica.*







**Fr. Juan showing the congregation our Christmas card as an introduction to the sister parishioners from the Cathedral**





*Lots of hugging going on....for a long time.  
After Mass fellowship with our sister parish*

# Stained Glass windows in La Sagrada Familia Church



The Holy Family




Cultural Scene





# Pastoral Team Meeting





A well organized meeting facilitated by Fr. Juan





Break-out sessions to discuss the mission of the parish

# Beach Time at La Caobita







*Unaltered Piece of Heaven*



*Boat ride to see the Manatees*



*Antoinette chilling  
at the beach,  
wearing one of a  
multitude of African  
fabrics she owns.*





*Beauty on the Caribbean Coast*





*You could rent a chair to sit on for a dollar*



*View of ocean from retreat/bed and breakfast*





*What to do with this land?*





*Entry to retreat/bed and breakfast*









Retreat Center / Bed and Breakfast





Retreat center/bed & breakfast



# Santo Domingo

The Colonial City

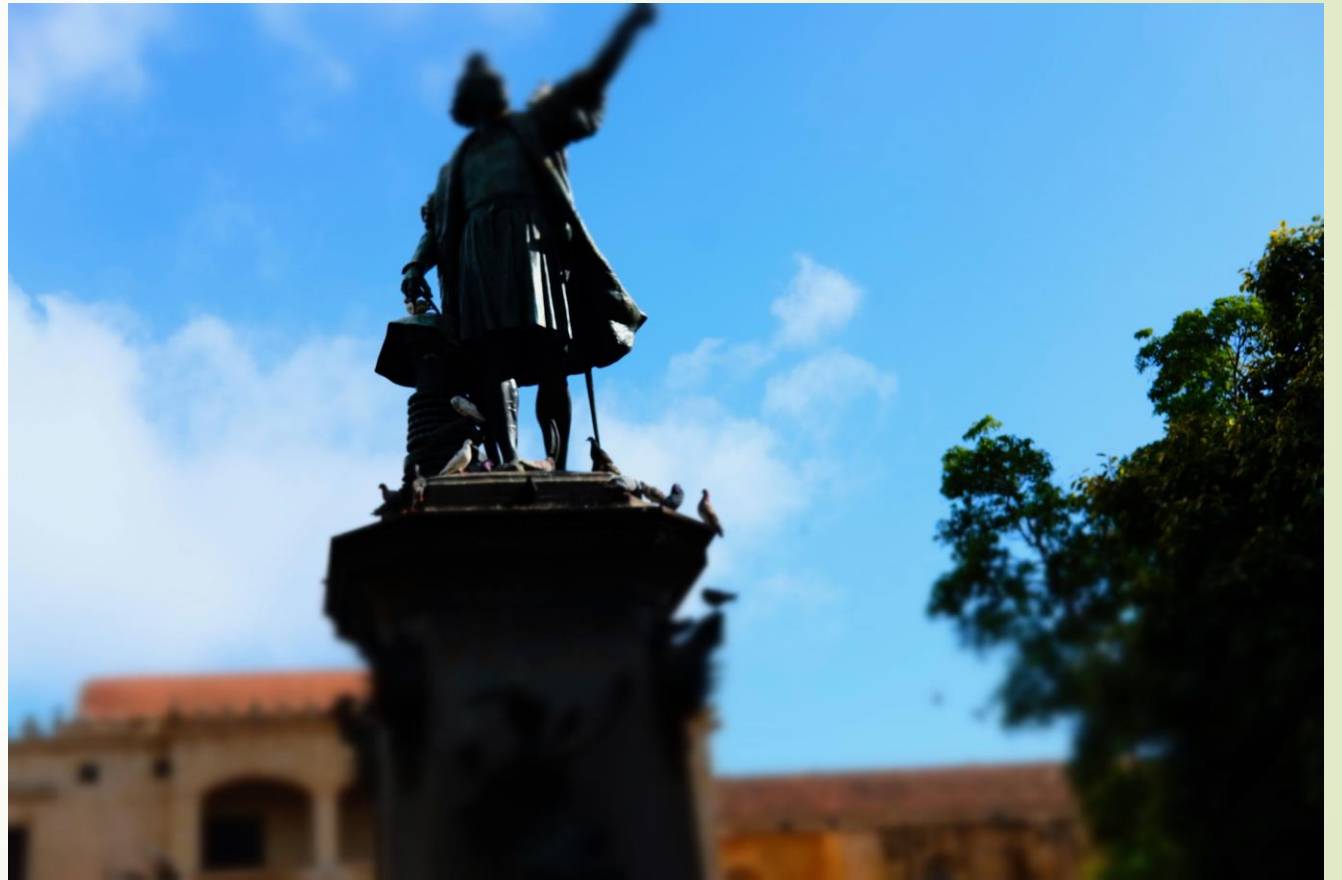


## Lunch Starters



# Christopher Columbus

Columbus Plaza







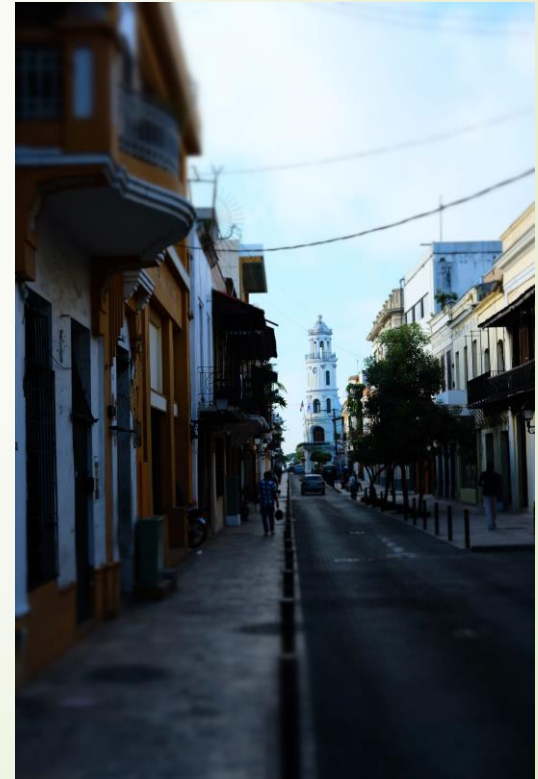
Plaza

View from colonial  
building





# Streets of Santo Domingo



# Quiet time of day in Santo Domingo





***Street scenes  
that may have  
been in the  
Godfather  
movie to portray  
Cuba.***



## Ancient Buildings





## The Last Supper in a walk in gallery



## Quiet time in Santo Domingo





# Hans' Prayer Partner Family



# Mary Claire's Prayer Partner Family





# Erica's Prayer Partner Family





**Ask us about our host family experiences**



## Hans' Host Family





**Hans had a rooster tied up under his bedroom window**





## Erika's Host Family



**Erika was accessorized by her friend before leaving the house every morning**



# Pat's Host Family

Apolonia &  
Jose Adrian Santa

Apolonia prayed  
every night



Adrian walked me  
to church in the  
mornings and laughed  
at my Spanish





# Visit with the Child Care & Nutrition Center





Let the children come to  
me and do not prevent  
them; for the kingdom of  
heaven belongs to such as  
these. Matthew 19:14





Happy children!













They all wanted to  
see the pictures we  
were taking of them



# Kind faces





*It was easy to  
fall in love*





They said goodbye and hello in English



# Saying Goodbye to Our Little Friends



# Vic and MC's Sewing Ministry



Victoria is Mary Claire's Sister



# Introductions to the Women's Sewing Group.

Dolores Puertolas



# Sewing Center Using Donated Material





## Finished Products



## New Patterns



# Relationship Building





# Setting Up a Cooperative



# New Products to Sell





Show me the money!



# Prosperous Day at the Sewing Center





# Relationship Building



These ladies are awesome!







## Sewing Project

Donated fabric and sewing necessities







# Women's sewing group selling new product





She's sewing a requested bag on the spot



# Fellow Pilgrims



MC and Vic



Norma from St. Charles



**Nolan was smart; she wore a hat and sunglasses**



# Elaine and Mc, Vic and Pat

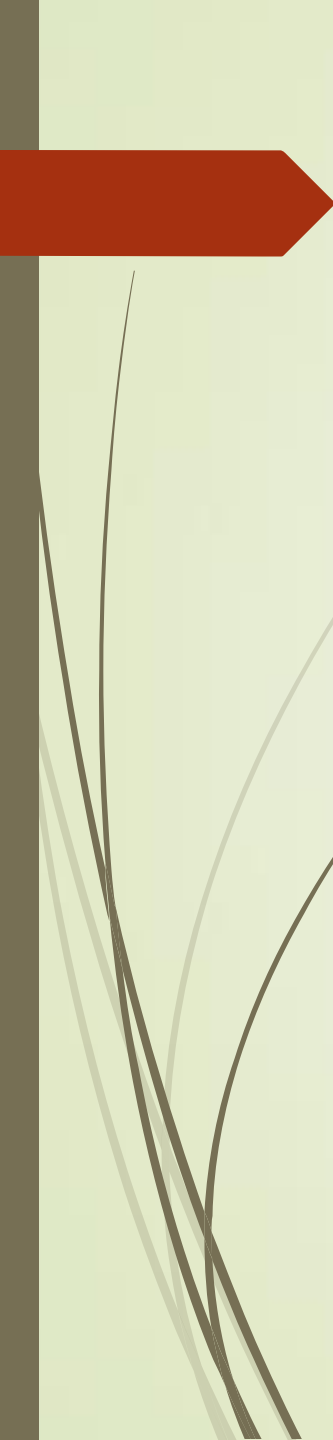




**Hans, MC, Antoinette and Pat**







*Do not forget the things  
your eyes have seen  
nor let them slip from  
your heart all the days  
of your life.*

**Deuteronomy 4:9**