

# Updates From The Frontlines

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## HOPE LIFE GLOBAL

Helping Others Pursue Eternal Life

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## Hope in Action: Uniting Hearts in the Dominican Republic

We are thrilled to welcome you to the inaugural issue of our Hope Life Global newsletter! As a cherished member of our community, you play a vital role in the uplifting work we undertake in the Dominican Republic.

At Hope Life Global, we are dedicated to bringing hope and practical assistance to the most vulnerable among us. Through initiatives focused on education, health care, and spiritual guidance, we strive to create a lasting impact in the lives of those we serve. Our mission extends across various communities, where we work tirelessly to uplift those who have been marginalized and offer them a path to a brighter future.

As we continue to grow and reach more individuals in need, your support is more crucial than ever. We are excited to share with you the stories of transformation and progress that your generosity makes possible. Together, we can continue to spread hope and change lives, one heart at a time.

Thank you for standing with us in this journey of compassion and renewal. We look forward to keeping you informed and inspired through our upcoming editions.

Much Love,

*Ruben and Vicki*

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## Community News

Each week, Pastor Ruben passionately shares the truth of God's Word in at least one of our communities, bringing a message of hope and transformation to the hearts of many. His dedication to preaching and his deep understanding of the Scriptures inspire faith and spiritual growth among listeners. As a result, lives are being noticeably changed—individuals are turning away from despair and finding new purpose, families are being strengthened, and communities are coming together in unity and support.

At our women's events, we foster an empowering and supportive atmosphere that unites and inspires women to transcend past adversities and embrace their full potential. Through workshops, fellowship, and shared testimonials, our participants develop deep connections, equipping them with the tools and confidence to pursue personal and communal transformation. These gatherings not only offer a safe space for healing and growth but also emphasize spiritual empowerment, encouraging each woman to recognize her worth and capabilities.



## Volunteer Spotlight

Arthur and Rosalind Stanley truly made a significant impact during their time in the Dominican Republic this summer. They led a mission team with compassion and dedication, focusing on teaching community leaders how to address and heal from trauma. Their workshops not only provided valuable insights into personal healing but also equipped leaders with the tools to help others in their healing journeys.

Their contributions have been a tremendous blessing to the community, enhancing the spirit of hope and resilience among the leaders and volunteers alike.



## Missional Retreat

Join us for our upcoming missional retreat and help make a difference in our community. Let's work together to bring hope to victimized individuals and provide support to those in need as you get some much needed rest and restoration.

Here are the details:

- **Dates:** July 5-12, 2025
- **Price:** \$3,000 (includes flight from the Miami, FL area, resort stay, three meals each day, transportation in the DR and mission opportunity)-  
**PAY IN INSTALLMENTS START NOW!**
- **Location:** A wonderful resort in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic.

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## Soap baskets, Our School and More



### Soap

In our mission to empower and uplift, we've launched a soap-making initiative that teaches local women the craft of soap production. This program is designed not only to provide them with a skill but also to create a sustainable source of income, helping to break the chains of poverty. Each purchase of our handmade soap directly supports these efforts and the incredible women behind them.



### Our School

At our school, we are committed to nurturing young minds in a safe and supportive environment. We provide nutritious meals to ensure our students are healthy and ready to learn, alongside a robust educational program that equips them with the skills needed for a brighter future. Every day, we strive to create a haven where children can grow, learn, and thrive, protected from harm.

## Gap Year Program



### Gap Year Discipleship Program

**Designed for young adults  
aged 18-22**

This program offers a unique opportunity to deepen your spiritual connection, develop leadership skills, and make a meaningful impact in communities in need, all while experiencing life-changing adventures.

- **Dates:** January 12, 2025 - April 13, 2025
- **Ages:** 18-22
- **Cost:** \$8,500-paid in monthly installments-We help you raise funds for this worthy experience.
- **Email:** [info@hopelifeglobal.com](mailto:info@hopelifeglobal.com)



### Javier and Anais

Anais and her husband, Javier, are steadfast leaders in our Ensanche Gomez community, blessed with two beautiful children and a strong commitment to their home. Anais is currently advancing her education as a Business major, and we are thrilled to provide financial support for her studies, investing in the bright future she is building for her family and community.



### Yoilda

Yoilda joined our center in Cienfuegos at the tender age of eight, her potential clouded by poverty until we intervened. Nurtured within our community, she thrived on nutritious meals and received an exceptional education. We are now delighted to fund her college journey as she pursues a degree in Psychology, excited to see her unlock even more of her promising future.





Can you imagine what it feels like to hold a child who has known only fear and tell them, “You are safe now; you are loved”?

These four beautiful children in the picture, who have captured all our hearts came to us from Haiti, running from the shadows of a life too cruel for children to endure. Their tiny feet fled the streets where gangs ruled with fear and violence. Their little hands clutched nothing but the hope that somewhere, somehow, they could find safety, love, and a chance to be children again.

Upon their arrival to the Dominican Republic, these precious ones were trapped in a nightmare, living in a brothel where innocence is stolen and hope is crushed. They were forced to witness things no child should ever see, to endure fear so deep it pierced their very souls. Every day was a battle to survive in a world that had turned its back on them.

We found them in that dark place, and we could not turn away. We could not let them face another day in that hellish reality. So we stepped in to take action, to bring these children and their family to a place of safety. These precious souls arrived on Hope Mountain with eyes wide and hearts weary. But today, those eyes sparkle with a light that was once dimmed by fear. Today, they run freely, laugh loudly, and dream boldly.

We gave the parents a chance to work, to find dignity in providing for their children once again. We offered therapy and counseling, helping each family member piece their shattered hearts back together. And slowly, day by day, we are seeing the darkness lift. We are seeing smiles return. We are seeing love flow between them in ways it hadn't for so long.

*Thank you for reading!*

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